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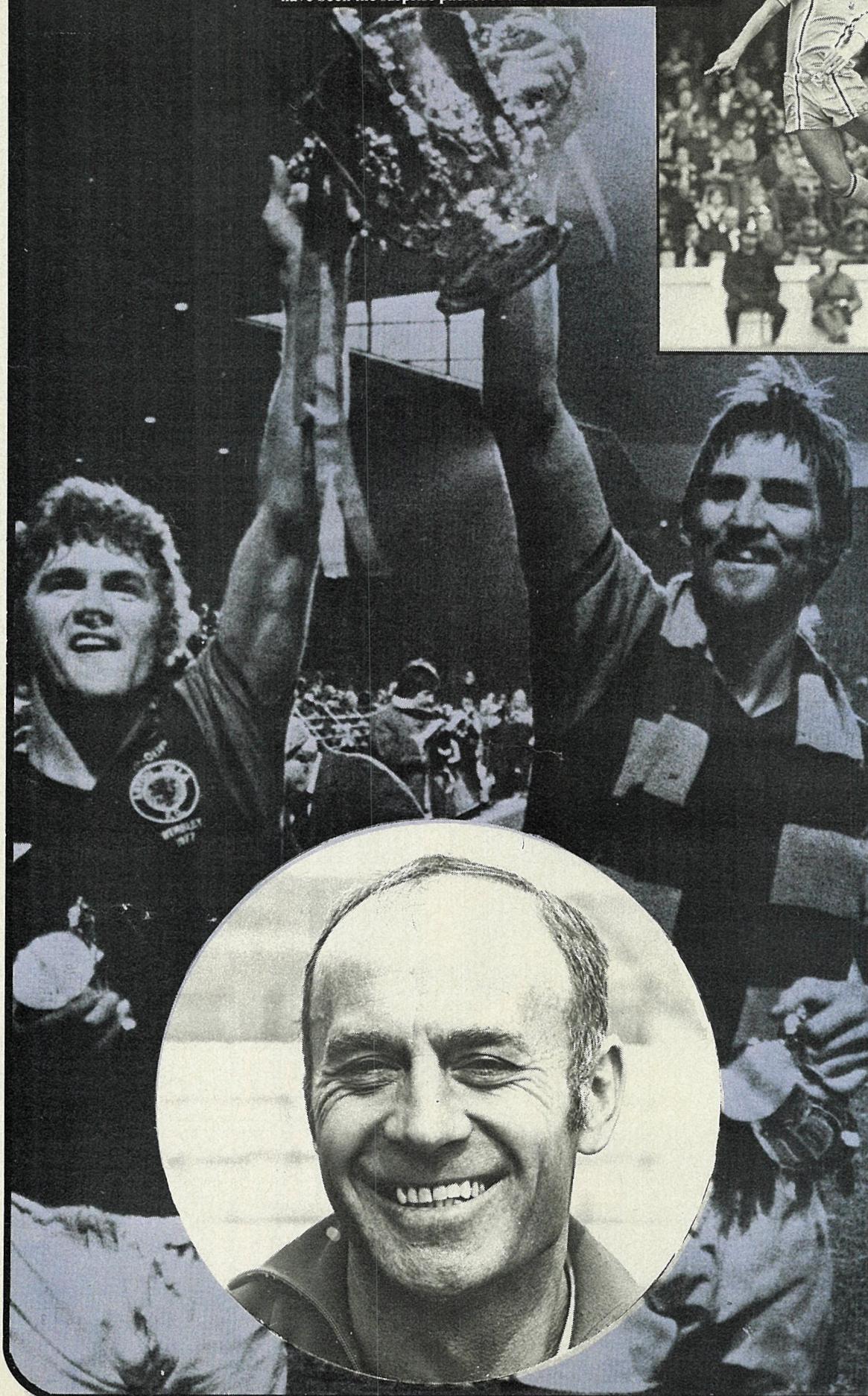
Two Midlands stars  
whose clubs are riding  
high in Division One...  
Coventry City stopper  
Jim Holton and West  
Brom's new goalscoring  
sensation Cyrille Regis.

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## MIDLANDS' TAKE-OVER THREAT TO THE NORTH

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Aston Villa, guided by Ron Saunders (bottom of page) won the League Cup (below, Gordon Smith, left, and Chris Nicholl show-off the Cup) by beating Everton last term. Coventry's Jim Holton (right) beats Middlesbrough's Bill Ashcroft. City have been the surprise packet of the First Division this season.



**D**ERBY won the first post-War F.A. Cup in 1946; a decade later Wolves were the Toast of the Fifties — but from then on, a couple of Derby League titles in the early Seventies apart, the Midlands has been a pretty bleak spot for soccer success.

Derby themselves, and Aston Villa — a club with as proud a tradition as any in the land — even tasted life in the Third Division.

There have been 31 League Champions since the War ended, but only two "genuine" Midlands' clubs amongst them — even though Wolves (1954, 1958 and 1959), and Derby (1972 and 1975), combined to take five titles.

Only seven times, over the same post-War period, has a Midlands' club — Derby (1946), Wolves (1949 and 1960), West Bromwich (1954 and 1968), Villa (1957), and Nottingham Forest (1959) — won the F.A. Cup.

The only consistent Wembley visitors were unlucky Leicester — and they went back home four times unrewarded!

With comparatively few exceptions, the Seventies have belonged to the North, with those two other great soccer centres — London and the Midlands — rarely making better than token challenges to that overall superiority.

London is still pretty much of a "distressed area" . . . but look how the Midlands are beginning to fight back against Northern monopoly.

There are 42 games in the First Division programme, and this year — with exactly one-third of that programme over — Forest led the table three points clear of fellow-Midlanders West Bromwich and surprise-packet Coventry. And sharing fifth place were Villa.

Even Birmingham — revitalised by Sir Alf Ramsey after their dreadful start of losing all their first four games — had by then hoisted themselves up into the top half of the table.

Wolves were just out of it — and only Derby and Leicester were spoiling the Midlands' First Division landscape down near the bottom.

In gaining promotion, Forest had looked a useful enough outfit last

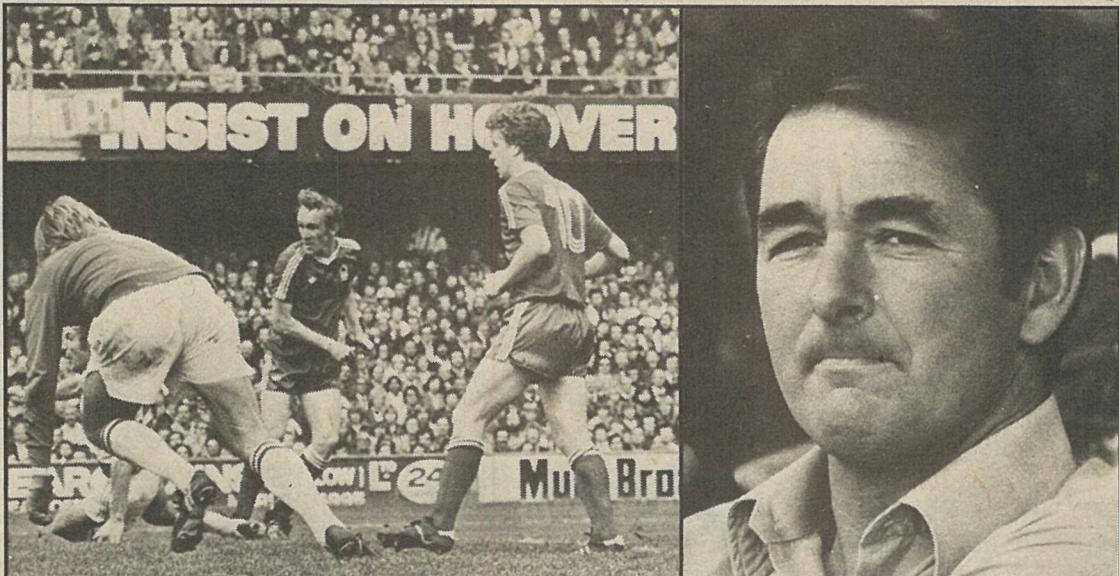
season. They certainly weren't expected to drop straight back to the Second Division again; neither, though, were they exactly expected to take the First by storm.

But, while the remarkable Mr. Clough was acting coy about possible future England management, he was simultaneously gee-ing his team up to such an extent their room at the top stretched to as much as four points before October was out.

Johnny Giles had shaped a more than handy West Bromwich side last term, but all wondered whether his departure back to the Emerald Isle would make that difference. It didn't — other than perhaps even to improve on the solid foundations the shrewd Irishman had left behind.

But Coventry, also pushing hard near the top, were more of a stunner. A few months back, they'd uncomfortably left it right until their very last match of the season before a home draw with Bristol City saved their relegation by a single point.

Villa — fourth-placed, and League Cup winners last term — also surprised though, in their own case, by not starting off again



Nottingham Forest's Ian Bowyer (above, centre) scores during their 2-0 win at Queens Park Rangers. Brian Clough (right) has taken Forest to the top of the table.

# **THE MIDLANDS HEADING FOR A SOCCER BOOM!**

This table shows the position reached when in Division One, and the Round reached in the F.A. Cup, by the present eight senior Midlands' clubs in each season since the War. (The Cup was re-started, in 1945-46, one season earlier than the League.)

## **PROGRESS CHART**

quite where they left off

But soon they began to find their form again — and, when they inflicted Liverpool's first home defeat for more than 18 months, gave clear notice of being back in business.

Perhaps, in a way, it was the selfsame Villa — now guided by the astute Ron Saunders — who initially sparked-off the Midlands revival.

As recently as 1972, a club as proud as any in the land had sunk down to the Third Division.

That spring, as Champions, they made the first step back — at the same time as neighbours Birmingham got back to the First, and Derby were League Champs.

The overall picture was spoiled then by Forest being relegated from the First — but, by and large, the Midlands' scene was showing signs of revival.

The previous half-dozen or so years had been something of a disaster-zone in much of the area — brightened only by the huge, loyal support Villa still drew even in the Third Division — but now things began to perk up.

Clearly Villa, having got over their shell-shock, were determined to set the pace on the road back —

**CONTINUED OVER**

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BIRMINGHAM	Div One	★	—	—	17	22	—	—	—	—	6	12	13	9	19	19	17	20	20	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	19	17	19	13		
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and other clubs in the area caught the new spirit of the times.

Brian Clough having brought the League title to Derby, and then sensationally departed, came back to the locality to put a bomb under Forest.

If nothing else, it would have brought interest and speculation. It brought more — a return to the First, and then quickly leading the table.

Just down the road, Derby have latterly been in the doldrums — but who would bet against that other irresistible character, Tommy Docherty, similarly stirring up success as much there?

But what is the reason for this Midlands' upsurge — if, indeed, there is a reason at all one can actually pin-point?

### Rock-bottom

Villa boss Ron Saunders is a blunt man, not given to waffling "flannel". Straight and to the point, his own view is that: "In general, Midlands' football had almost reached rock-bottom, so there was really only one way to move — and that was UP. I like to think Villa led the way in restoring pride and prestige to the area, though the time was over-ripe for an overall revival anyway."

His recent local rival at West Bromwich, Johnny Giles, agrees. Before he left for his Irish homeland earlier this year, Giles said: "It's ridiculous an area like the Midlands — with its vast potential in resources, facilities, and support — shouldn't be providing a couple of top teams each season.

"No one likes to leave a sinking ship but, believe me, the local ship I'm leaving is far from sinking.

"Quite the reverse, in fact, with the Midlands just bursting at the seams for success over the next decade. The only real question-mark remains over which club gets the lion's share of it."

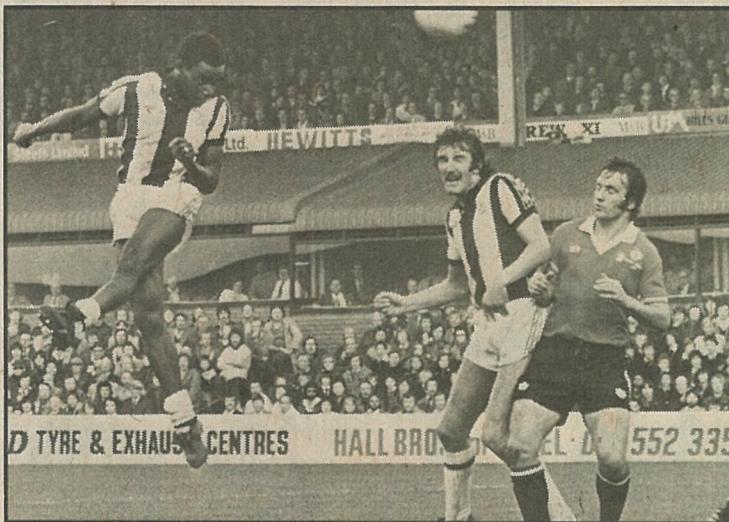
At the time of writing, it's still Forest setting the pace. But, even with Cloughie at the helm, will the bubble burst before the season's end — to be upstaged maybe by West Brom, or Villa, or revitalised Coventry?

All start level-pegging in the F.A. Cup — and who's to argue Doc's Derby may not make a hot challenge there?

But, even if the Midlands don't



The Derby County side (above) that won the Football League Championship in 1975. West Brom's Laurie Cunningham (left) narrowly misses with this header against Manchester United. Albion won 4-0.



come up with anything really big at all by the time this season's out, one thing still seems for sure.

And that's Merseyside and Manchester, and the rest of the Northern hot-shots, will find a future fight on their hands.

For the booming Midlands, so long in the doldrums, are at last well on the way back to restoring their past fortunes.

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**YOUNG:** Hello, Arthur. Nice to talk to you. But I can't say it's a pleasure to be facing you on the park because you're such an unorthodox so-and-so it's hard to know what you're going to do. Fortunately, I won't be marking you — that will be Pat Rice's problem for the afternoon.

**GRAHAM:** Thanks, Willie. I'm glad we won't be in direct conflict. I reckon you're like our centre-half Gordon McQueen, another good Scottish lad, and I wouldn't like to face him. No doubt you'll be picking up Ray Hankin and I've already warned him he's in for his toughest test of the season.

**YOUNG:** Ray's done very well for you this season, hasn't he? But I'm not sure I'll be taking him. I normally come up against Joe Jordan, another great Scot, of course. We always have a good battle and I suppose we're about even so far.

**GRAHAM:** Joe's not a bad lad, although he hasn't been getting as many goals as you would expect from a player of his class. But as you say, Willie, you're sure to have a busy afternoon, if you're marking him.

**YOUNG:** The last time I saw you was at Aberdeen in the summer. I always thought you'd end up in the Football League because you're such a good player and I wonder why it took you so long.

**GRAHAM:** It's always been my ambition to play in England, but you can't make it happen unless there's a club willing to pay the money for you. To be honest, Leeds wouldn't have been my first choice but I wanted to get down South to show what I could do. I'm delighted now I've ended up at Elland Road, and seen what a good club they are.

*This North v South League clash has a special added ingredient for Willie Young, of Arsenal and Arthur Graham of Leeds. Both played together for Scottish club Aberdeen — and now appear on opposite sides for the first time.*

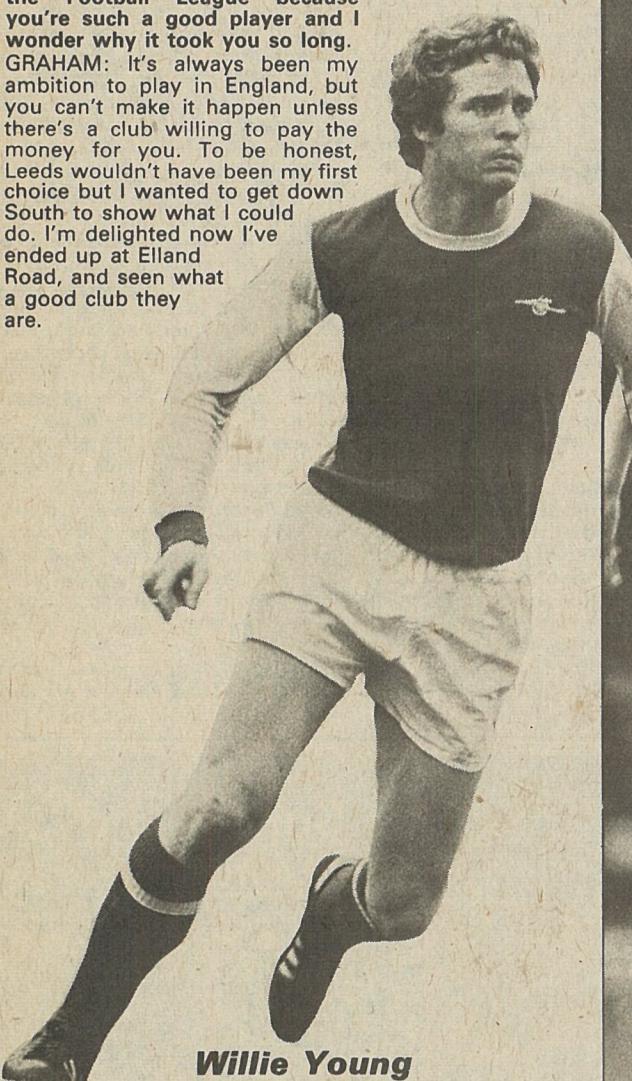
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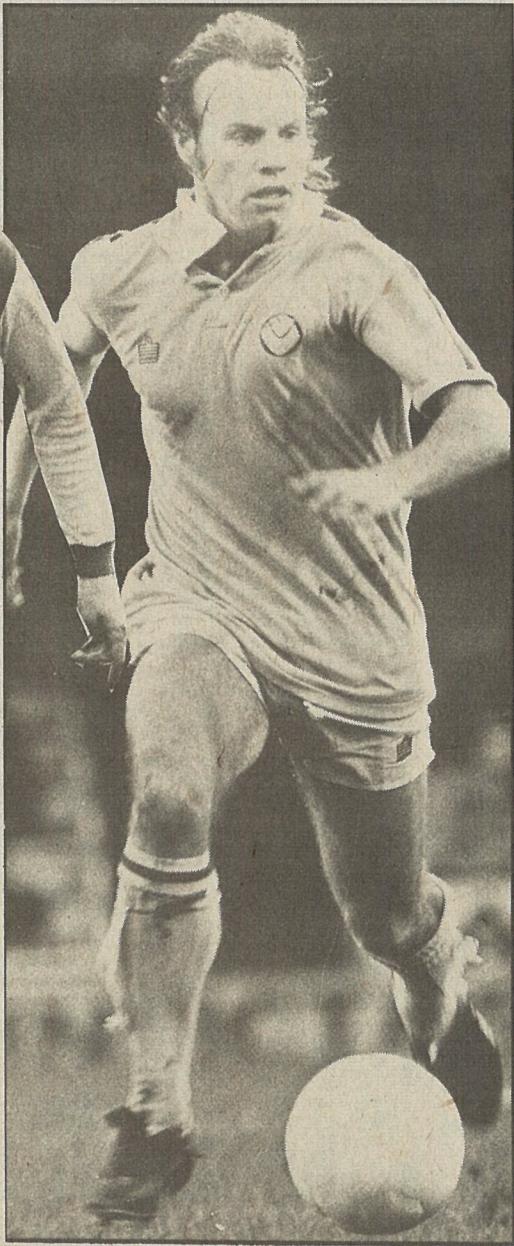
### 'I'M GLAD WE WON'T BE IN DIRECT CONFLICT'

*Arthur Graham*



**Willie Young**

**'YOU'RE AN UNORTHODOX  
SO-AND-SO'**



**YOUNG:** You don't seem to have needed much time to adjust to the different pace down here. Did you find any problems at first?

**GRAHAM:** No. I've been pleasantly surprised at the way I've fitted in. I've taken to the training very well and I'm more than happy with the way I've performed in the team. As I say, I'm glad Jimmy Armfield came in for me and I hope he thinks he's had his money's worth from me.

**YOUNG:** I'm sure he does. Of course, you've won your way back into the Scotland side this season after having your life ban lifted. My ban was lifted at the same time, as you know, and I'd dearly love to get back, too.

**GRAHAM:** I'm sure you would. It's been marvellous pulling on the blue shirt of Scotland again. Now I'm anxious to win a medal in England — I don't care whether it's a League or a Cup medal this season. I'd just like something to get me started.

**YOUNG:** Well, we've got our sights on the title this season. I'm not saying we'll win it, but we've kept in the race pretty well so far. I know Forest looked like breaking clear early on, though I don't think they'll last the course because they don't appear to have the strength in depth.

**GRAHAM:** You were the first side to beat Forest this season and we were only the third when we won 1-0 at our place on November 19. So if they are going to sustain their challenge, it must look good for our teams.

**YOUNG:** I can't believe you're not higher than you are in the League table. Looking at your side, you seem to be one of the strongest in the First Division, yet you've had some funny results. I was amazed when you could only draw at home with Norwich — I thought that would have been a certain two points for you.

**GRAHAM:** We have had some silly results, but I think we're getting it sorted out now. Carl Harris has been doing a good job out on the right. And after playing in midfield when I first got to Elland Road, I'm now enjoying playing almost as an orthodox winger again on the left.

**YOUNG:** Don Howe has made a big difference to us since he's been back as coach. He's got us playing for each other again, and we're much better organised. We'll definitely make Europe this season and with luck, we could actually win the title.

**GRAHAM:** I'll go further than that and say Leeds will definitely finish in the top four — and like you, I've an eye on the title. I'm also sure we'll end up higher than Arsenal, so I don't see how you can win the Championship.

**YOUNG:** We'll try and show you how on the pitch, although I notice we haven't beaten you for some time in the League. I'm not letting it bother me, though, because I finished on the winning side against Leeds when I was at Spurs last season.

**GRAHAM:** I can't comment on that game, Willie, because I wasn't at Leeds then. I must say I'd rather be facing your side at Elland Road at this stage of the season, but as it hasn't worked out that way, I don't mind collecting two points against you at Highbury.

# 'MOMENTS

'Gary Sprake's errors always seemed to be televised'



Sprake buries his head after allowing a shot from the late Peter Houseman to score Chelsea's equaliser v. Leeds in the 1970 F.A. Cup Final.

"THE ball goes into the back of the net, blame anyone but yourself . . . ask why the hell the ball was allowed to get into the box anyway."

That statement, made by our former manager, Bill Shankly, the man who bought me from Scunthorpe and hoisted me into the football limelight with Liverpool, was said to me after I'd had an early bad game for the club to soften my sense of failure and reassure me.

But with all due respect to Shanks, by absolving 'keepers from blame he unintentionally dealt defenders a disservice.

There are times when 'keepers make blunders which give away goals, and it's no use hiding from the fact.

It's unfortunate, but whereas an outfielder's mistake can be corrected by a team-mate, a 'keeper has to live with the near-certainty that a bad boob ends with him picking the ball out of the net.

In my early years, learning my trade, I took setbacks very badly and would dwell on them, torturing myself. Often it took me three games to get over a bad one.

Now I'm more mature, I concentrate on wiping the memory out immediately, then recalling it afterwards, when I can analyse exactly what went wrong and attempt to

decide on ways of ensuring it doesn't happen again.

It's ironic that one faulty move can wipe out a whole series of superb saves. But before taking on the job, you should be aware of that — even if you're not, you soon learn the harsh truth.

Clemence clangers perversely linger on long after I've forgotten about saves that made me feel ten feet tall at the time and earned me backslaps from grateful teammates.

My very first major mistake occurred shortly after taking over the number one spot at Scunthorpe from Geoff Sidebottom, a man who always gave me unselfish encouragement.

It happened shortly after the start of the 1966-67 season in a midweek away game against our local derby rivals, Grimsby Town. Among the spectators were about 40 people from my home town, Skegness, so I was especially keen to put up a good show.

The game turned out to be a nightmare for The Irons, as we were called, who included several other youngsters like me in their line-up.

At half-time we were 5-0 down. Grimsby were running rings around us. I felt demoralised enough at the interval, not knowing that the worst was to come, their sixth goal was to

cause me such humiliation all I'd want was for the ground to open and swallow me up.

The ball was knocked over our defence for Grimsby's pacy winger, Brian Hill, to run on to. I went sprinting across to intercept and instead of kicking the ball into touch, tried to knock it upfield. My kick was so weak I made a present of the ball to Brian, who showed his gratitude, if that's what you'd call it, by clipping it cleanly into the wide-open net.

And just to make my life even more miserable, Grimsby scored a seventh to send us back home with only one consolation goal to our credit.

Our then-manager, Freddie Goodwin, who went on to boss Brighton and Birmingham City, was big enough to take the blame for our defeat, because he had fielded too many inexperienced youngsters.

I dreaded being dropped for the next match, but the manager kept faith and I had a clean sheet against Swansea at Vetch Field while our goal brought us both points.

At that stage I was making many fundamental errors of judgment — I would never now chase out to the touchline for the ball — but by the time I had come to Anfield, I had a good knowledge of what to do, an'

what not to do. If I hadn't, Liverpool's talent-spotters would not have recommended I was brought in as Tommy Lawrence's eventual successor.

It was while in the reserves I blotted my copybook for the first time in the service of The Reds.

We were playing West Brom away, at The Hawthorns. Their right-back broke into our half with the ball and as he shaped to make a cross-field pass, I came out off my line. He miskicked, however, the ball slicing off the side of his boot and sailing straight over my head towards the goal.

Desperately I flung myself backwards, only to end up grovelling with the ball in the back of the net!

It was several seasons before I again "disgraced" myself — incredibly in season 1975-76 when I helped Liverpool repeat the double of Championship and U.E.F.A. Cup. Coincidentally, another full-back was responsible.

Middlesbrough were our visitors. Their Terry Cooper tried a hopeful long-range shot which I had well-covered. I took the power out of the shot, only to allow the ball to carry on weakly past me and stop beyond the goal-line.

That goal, and another, made Boro the second club — Norwich were the first — to beat us in the

## Goal-happy Chelsea

Who were Chelsea's scorers when they won a European tie 21-0 on aggregate, and who was it against?

BILLY WYATT,  
LONDON, S.E.22.

• Luxembourgers, Jeunesse Hautcharage, in the Cup-Winners' Cup in September, 1971. Billy.

Chelsea won 8-0 in Luxembourg with goals from Osgood (three), Houseman (two), Hollins, Webb, and Baldwin.

A fortnight later, winning 13-0 at home, the second goal-rush came from Osgood (five), Baldwin (three), Hollins (pen.), Hudson, Webb, Houseman, and Harris.

## Ever-present

Is it right Huddersfield once used the same complete defence in every League game in a season?

NEIL TINKER,  
HUDDERSFIELD.

• It is, Neil — the complete "old-time" formation of goalkeeper, two full-backs, and three half-backs.

When Huddersfield won promotion from the Second Division in 1952-53, these six defenders — Wheeler in goal; Staniforth and Kelly at full-back; and McGarry, McEvoy, and Quested in the half-back line — played in all 42 games.

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## Sunderland attraction

Please settle a family argument in which, hotly challenged, I still claim that the record gate of both North London rivals Arsenal and Spurs is against Sunderland.

ROGER KAY,  
BRIGHTON.

• You're dead-right at that, Roger. Arsenal's best is 73,295 on 9th March, 1935; and Tottenham's is 75,038 on 5th March, 1938 — BOTH against Sunderland.

Only minor difference — the Arsenal game was in Division One; that of Spurs in the F.A. Cup.

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**RAY CLEMENCE**  
talking soccer

'My greatest mistake ever'

Kenny Dalglish (arms raised) scores Scotland's winner with a half-hit shot through the legs of Ray Clemence during the 1976 British Championship clash at Hampden.

a mistake like that? Even the best players make mistakes, but don't make a habit of it . . ."

About two months later I made my first — and, I hope, last — slip-up as an international in the Scotland v England game that climaxed the British Championship at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

And it was Kenny Dalglish, now a club team-mate, who sent in the miskicked shot that I allowed to bobble through my legs and provide the Scots with a victory.

That must rank as my greatest mistake ever. I still grimace whenever I'm reminded of it. I'm pulling a face now!

Was I relieved and happy when only days later I had my hands on the U.E.F.A. Cup for the second time in my life.

I've seen probably more than my share of other 'keepers' moments of horror, and the special bond that exists between us always fills me with a sympathy and understanding.

I remember when Gary Sprake of Leeds — whose mistakes always seemed to happen when the TV cameras were on him — collected a back pass from a defender once, and shaped to throw the ball to

another defender. Then, seeing the man was being threatened by a Liverpool player, he changed his mind in mid-throw — with the result the ball spun over his shoulder and into his goal.

The Kop's instant humour made him wish he could disappear in a puff of smoke, like a stage magician. The song "Careless Hands" boomed out from thousands of throats.

There are times I thank my lucky stars those Koppites are on my side!

Now for my preview of this Saturday's match. We travel to play Norwich City at Carrow Road, the scene of a 2-1 defeat for us in January.

The Canaries are one of the most improved sides in the First, and difficult to beat.

Their manager, John Bond, showed he's no fan of ours the season before last, when we were going neck-and-neck with Q.P.R. for the title, by declaring it would be a bad thing for English football if we won the Championship.

Well, we became Champions that season, held on to the title last season, and proved him wrong by becoming only the second English club ever to lift the European Cup.

Despite Mr Bond's criticisms of us, I respect him for the tremendous job he's done at Norwich with limited resources.

He's got Martin Peters back to his world class form.

Jimmy Neighbour is the other player I'd single out for a special mention. Last season he scored one of their goals with a mighty, bending shot after going past four or five of our lads.

This completely contradicted the instructions to defenders at our pre-match briefing that as he was not a very good finisher they could "bring him inside".

Bearing in mind that goal, I've a feeling the instruction will be different this time.

We'll be going for both points to close that gap we've allowed to open up between us and the League leaders.

A good win should convince Mr Bond — if he isn't convinced already — Liverpool are a credit to English football.



League at Anfield in that, our title-winning season.

I could only put my lapse down to over-confidence. For during the week before a penalty save of mine against Dynamo Dresden, away in the first-leg of the U.E.F.A. Cup Quarter-Finals, had earned me a hero's reception from our fans as I emerged from the tunnel at the start of the game.

The comment of my manager, Bob Paisley, at the Press conference after the Boro game, meant a lot to me: "What can you say when the best goalkeeper in the world makes

## Early starters

I know the twelve founder-members of the Football League in 1888, but who were the original members of the SECOND Division when it was started four years later?

**KENNETH READ,  
AUSTRALIA**

• This is the order in which they finished in that inaugural season of 1892-93, Kenneth:

Small Heath (now known as Birmingham), Sheffield United, Darwen, Grimsby Town, Ardwick (forerunners of Manchester City), Burton Swifts, Northwich Victoria, Bootle, Lincoln City, Crewe Alexandra, Burslem Port Vale (now known as Port Vale), Walsall Town Swifts (now known as Walsall).

## SHORT PASSES

• Up to the start of this season, West Ham had played 1,176 First Division games — winning 405, drawing 289, and losing 482.

(ANDREW ROBERTSON, Oxford)

• The first F.A. Cup Final — Wanderers 1, Royal Engineers 0 — took place at Kennington Oval on 16th March, 1872, before a gate of just under 2,000.

(ALAN WARDELL, Banffshire)

• York's seasonal League scoring record is shared by Bill Fenton (1951-52), and Arthur Bottom (1955-56), both with 31 goals.

(MARTIN THOMSON, York)

• Kevin Keegan scored 68 goals in his 230 League games for Liverpool.

(GLENN ZASMAN, South Africa)

• Joe Jordan has played in 26 full internationals for Scotland.

(NEIL CLARK, Falkland Islands)

• Only Spurs (1960-61), and Arsenal (1970-71), have achieved the League and F.A. Cup "Double" in the 20th century.

(JAMES SMART, Bucks.)

## Riverside Cardiff

My friend says Cardiff's name used to be New Brompton, but I say he's wrong. Is he?

**CHRIS CLARK,  
LEEDS.**

• He is at that, Chris. It's Gillingham who were known as New Brompton until 1913.

Cardiff's original name, until they turned pro. in 1910, was Riverside.

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

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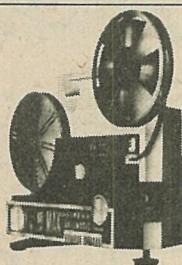
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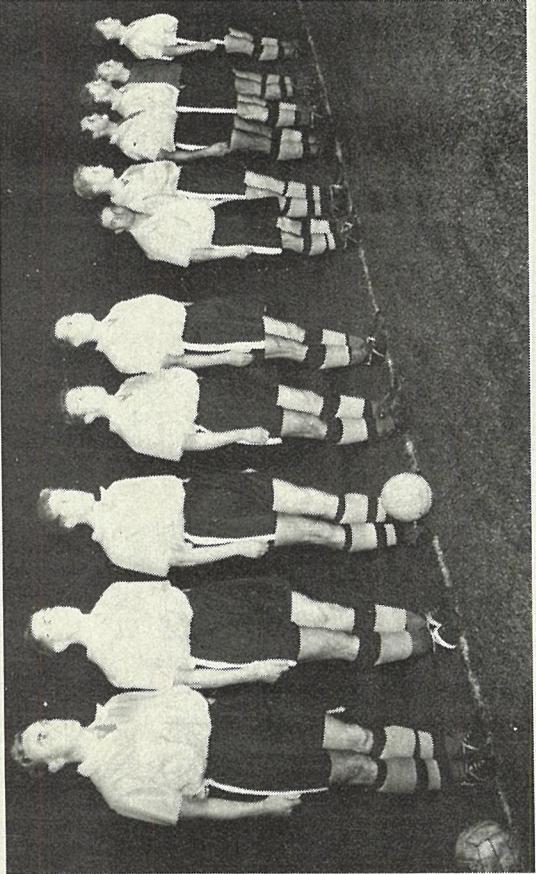
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## Managers



The Wolves team that faced mighty Hove in the 1950's.

### FIRST HIGHLY-PAID

Former Scotland and Newcastle United wing-half, Peter McWilliam, became the first highly-paid manager when he left Tottenham Hotspur to take over at Middlesbrough in 1927. He was reported to have signed a contract for £1,500 per annum with the Ayresome Park club, a previously unheard of salary in the football world. McWilliam remained in charge at Middlesbrough until 1934 and twice led the club into the First Division.

### 30 SUCCESSFUL YEARS

Undoubtedly one of the greatest managers of the post War era was Stan Cullis who, during 16 years as manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers, steered them to two F.A. Cup Final victories and three League Championships. From 1953 to 1961 his side only once finished the season below third place in the First Division, and no one will ever forget those halcyon days of the early 1950's during which the wonderful Wolves did so much to boost the morale of British football by beating sides like Hove, Real Madrid, Spartak and Moscow Dynamo.

It was, therefore, a sensation when on September 15th, 1964, he was sacked by the club to whom he had given such devoted service over a period of 30 years. 13 of them as a player. The club was criticised in many quarters for its timing as Stan Cullis had just

## Scottish international games

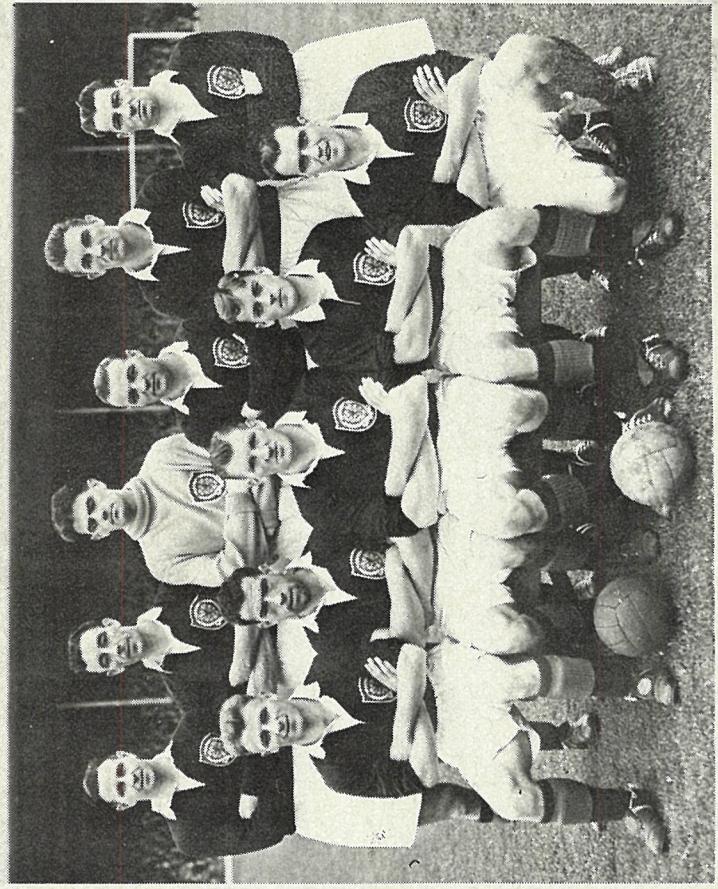
### 8-2 AWAY WIN 'BEATEN BY 'WUNDERTEAM'

Rangers' great winger Willie Waddell gave one of his finest displays in Scotland's biggest post War British Championship victory — 8-2 against Ireland at Windsor Park, Belfast, October 1st, 1949. Newcastle left-back, Alf McMichael, was among seven new caps in the Irish team on this occasion and it was a nightmare baptism for him trying to cope with Waddell's amazing speed and skill. From the moment in the second minute when Waddell centred perfectly for Henry Morris to head Scotland into the lead there was no doubt who was going to win, and Scotland were five goals ahead by half-time. Sammy Smyth, the Wolves inside-forward, pulled back two for Ireland early in the second-half but Scotland shattered the home defence with another three goals. Scotland's scorers were Morris 3, Waddell 2 (1 pen.), Steel, Reilly, Mason.

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Willie Waddell (far left, back row) Scotland's hero at Windsor Park in 1949, pictured in this international team of 1955.

The Scottish football fraternity were shocked by their team's first defeat by a foreign team. This was against Austria in Vienna in May, 1931, and it is true to say the Austrians were just as shocked by this victory for they had not expected their side to beat the Scottish masters. It is fair to say the Scottish side that visited the Continent at this time was not a full strength one for it included no player from either Celtic or Rangers, but the ease with which the Austrians won in Vienna was a revelation and established the "Wunderteam" which first put Austria on the football map. The result was 5-0 to the home side. Four days later Scotland lost 3-0 to Italy in Rome, but four days after Scotland made three changes in their shattered side and beat Switzerland 3-2 in Geneva. On the other hand, the Austrians inspired by their surprise victory went on to win their next ten games before being halted with a 4-3 defeat by England at Stamford Bridge in December, 1932.



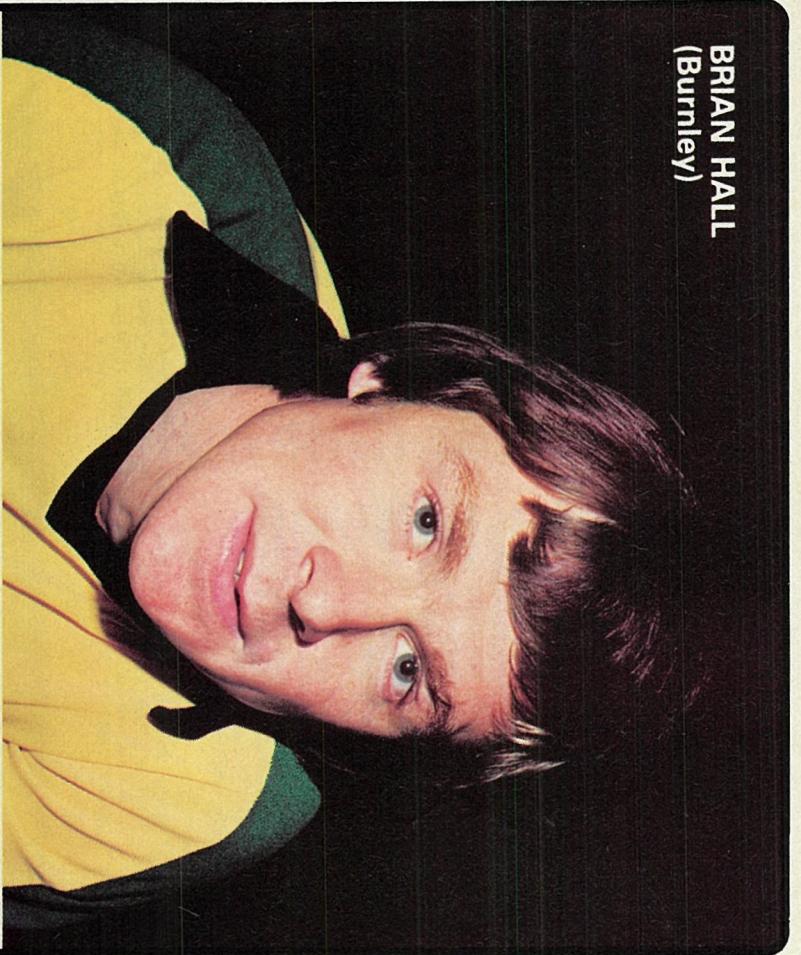
### SACKED AFTER 18 DAYS

There was an upheaval at Bolton in November, 1970, when Jimmy McIlroy resigned only 18 days after being appointed team manager. This surprise came 24 hours after new chairman John Banks had taken over. Nat Lofthouse, who had previously moved up to general manager, resumed his team duties until the appointment of Jimmy Meadows two months later.

### GOLDEN HANDSHAKE

Brian Clough's departure from Leeds United in September, 1974, after only 44 days as manager created a shock and was reported to have cost the club a £98,000 golden handshake. Clough had signed a four-year contract and the club paid out in full after their manager's brief stay. This is one of the most astonishing stories in football history. Opposition of some of the players to his appointment after he had previously made so many critical remarks about them and the club prior to his move to Elland Road, was reckoned to be one of the reasons for his swift departure.

**BRIAN HALL**  
(Burnley)



## I'm Brian - BUY ME!

THOSE words might well have been an adaptation of the famous airline TV commercial in one rather off-beat soccer transfer.

For when Plymouth signed Liverpool's Brian Hall in July, 1976, the player himself accepted the unique responsibility for spearheading the local drive to raise his own £50,000 fee.

Soon after arriving in the West Country, he cheerfully became the front-man of the specially-organised "HALL ARGYLL" campaign that included discos, displays, social get-togethers, soccer talk-ins — and even involved then manager Tony Waiters in a 32-mile sponsored run.

Brian Hall — who is nobody's fool, with Liverpool University degrees, as well as an F.A. Cup-winners' medal and 154 League games for The Reds, to prove it — has always been a firm believer in more mutual co-operation between club, players, and supporters. He explains: "In the past, soccer has all

too often been too aloof and remote. Nowadays a club has got to go out to the public and say 'Look, here we are — join in the fun with us.'

"With the right approach, they will join in — and not only enjoy themselves by feeling personally involved, but be ready to help the club solve its problems . . . to the benefit of all concerned."

Hall thoroughly enjoyed himself, too, on the round of social events, public appearances, presenting prizes to competition winners, and the like.

Although he's fully qualified for a teaching career, soccer is now so much in his blood that he has eyes on future activity in this commercial side of "selling" the game when he finally hangs up his boots.

And, as Brian admits, this early experience of "selling HIMSELF" has provided quite a few useful fund-raising ideas already.

Although Hall recently moved to Burnley, his transfer to Plymouth certainly caused a stir in the West Country.

## HALF-FIT- SCORED FOUR

WHEN Spurs were relegated at the end of 1976/77 it ended a run of 27 years in the top Division. Tottenham Hotspur, one of the most famous clubs in Europe, were doomed to Division Two football.

One of their main problems was the lack of goals — no player scored double figures . . . a far cry from 1975/76 when John Duncan netted 20 League goals in 37 appearances.

Yet the talented Scot was plagued by injury last season and eventually the trouble was diagnosed as a trapped nerve in his spine

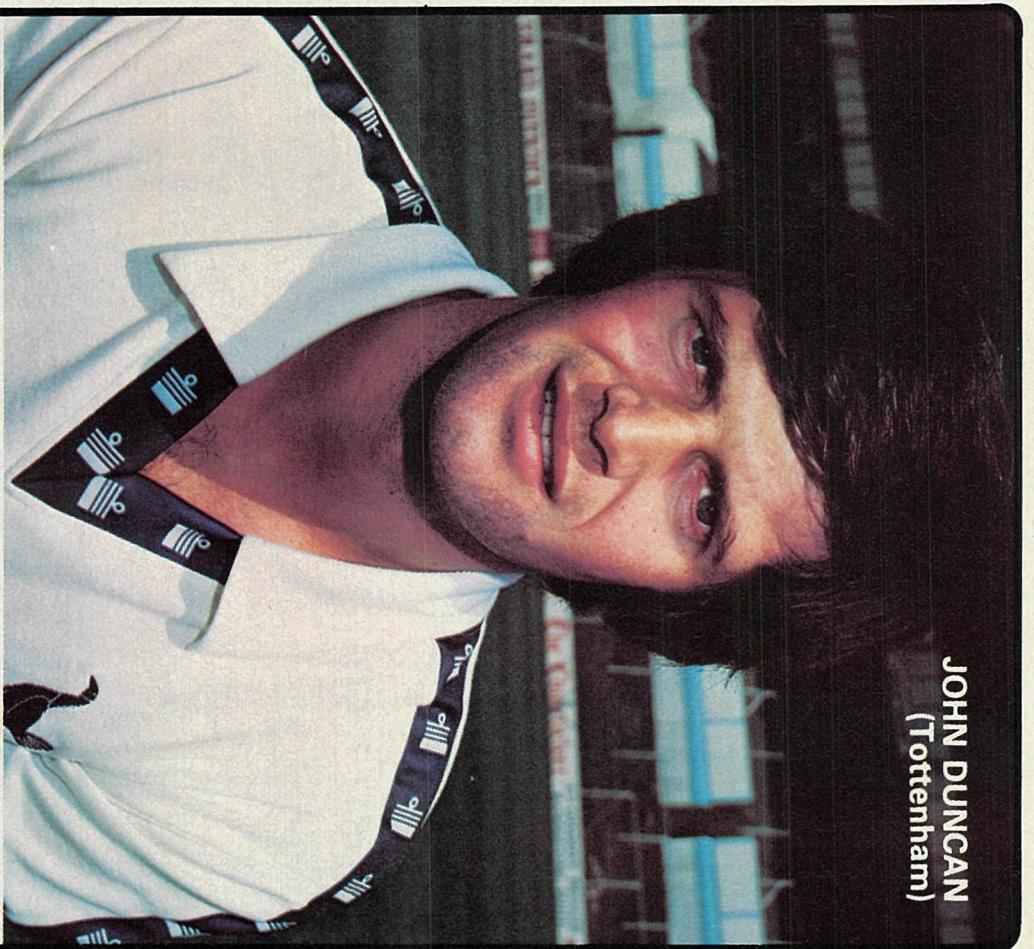
. . . the same problem that had sidelined former England captain Gerry Francis.

Duncan says: "I made the mistake of coming back too soon. I thought I was okay and with the club in a desperate position I was keen to help out."

Even a half-fit Duncan still scored four goals in his nine games . . . but it wasn't enough.

The summer rest did Duncan — and Spurs — a lot of good and both player and club have bounced back with a vengeance.

**JOHN DUNCAN**  
(Tottenham)



# 'CUP-WINNER' TRANSFERRED

CHARLIE GEORGE  
(Derby County)

CHARLIE George has only been one step away from a sensation throughout his career. His arrogant style is loved by the fans, but has also made him his share of enemies, too.

With Arsenal, Charlie was the pin-up boy of the North Bank and scored the goal against Liverpool in the 1971 F.A. Cup Final which clinched the Double for The Gunners.

That Charlie should leave Highbury seemed unthinkable, yet as Arsenal struggled to follow the Double — a daunting task — the team was broken up ... and in 1975 George joined Derby for £100,000. The player has had his share of trouble with referees. At the beginning of 1976/77 he vowed to turn over a new leaf — and was promptly sent-off in the opening game.

There have been rumours he would be leaving Derby. Perhaps, even, for the Continent. Yet with Tommy Docherty now in charge Charlie seems set to stay at the Baseball Ground.

"I've found Charlie no trouble at all," says Docherty. " . . . but George is still a player fans look to for a sensation — he's good or bad."



## GOAL THAT SILENCED PARKHEAD

GORDON CRAMOND  
(Ayr United)

defence with a superb move and when the ball dropped in the danger zone there was Cramond right in line to tuck it away from the diving Peter Latchford.

"There was absolute silence to greet that goal," says Cramond. "It really was quite incredible. All the Ayr players were celebrating, of course, but it was a most unreal atmosphere."

Unfortunately for Gordon and his teammates they did not take advantage of a replay on their own ground, Somerset Park. Celtic won that game and went on to win the Cup, beating Rangers 1-0 in the Final.



THE Parkhead fans were hushed as they prematurely celebrated their team's march into the next round of the Scottish Cup last season. They were leading 1-0 with a goal from Ronnie Glavin and there were only a couple of minutes left to play. Little part-time Ayr United had played well, but it looked as though Celtic, once again, would stride into the next stage of the tournament.

It was then little Gordon Cramond struck with a shock goal. Ayr worked the ball up the park in a last desperate attempt to draw level. They opened up the Celtic

## Welsh international games



Fred Keenor, the Cardiff captain who played a major role in Wales' win over England.

The strength of this Welsh side was in the half-back line where Fred Keenor scarcely put a foot wrong. They beat Scotland 2-0 at Ninian Park and Ireland 1-0 in Belfast, but the greatest triumph that season was in beating England on a snow-covered pitch at Blackburn. Bill Roberts (Preston N.E.) put England ahead, but the determined Keenor beat four opponents in a great run before sending in a shot which the England goalkeeper could only push out for Billy Davies to equalise. Ted Vizard got the winner in what was only the third victory by Wales on English soil.

### FIRST-EVER

The only other season in which Wales won the British Championship with maximum points was 1936-37 and their victory over England in that campaign is one of the best remembered games among fanatical Welsh supporters, not only because it took place at Cardiff but because it was the first Welsh victory over England for 54 years on Welsh soil. It was also the first international of the 1936-37 campaign and set the Welsh in good heart for one of the finest runs in their history.

Just on half-time Cliff Bastin put England ahead with one of his powerful drives but this was against the run of play. There was a gusty wind blowing and mid-way through the second-half Seymour Morris (Birmingham) celebrated his international debut by scoring direct from a corner-kick. Three minutes later, Pat Glover (Grimshay Town), who enjoyed one of his best displays in this game, headed the winner. Wales went on to beat Scotland 2-1 at Dundee and Ireland 4-1 at Wrexham.

## THIRD VICTORY

### UNLUCKY RESULT

For many years the Welsh were handicapped by difficulty in obtaining the release of some of their players for internationals and seldom fielded a full-strength side. But in 1923-24 they struck the right blend and for the first time ever won the British Championship with maximum points. In winning all three games that season they called upon only 12 players — Gray (Oldham Athletic); Russell (Plymouth Argyle); Jenkins (Brighton); Evans (H. P.) (Cardiff City); Keenor (Cardiff City); Jennings (Bolton W.); Davies (W.) (Swansea Town); Ivor Jones (W.B.A.); Davies (L.) (Cardiff City); Richards (West Ham Utd); Vizard (Bolton W.); J. Nicholls (Newport County).

George Camsell holder of the goalscorer record before Dixie Dean overtook him.

## 5 in 8 MINUTES

There have been many sensational local derbies over the years, but none created a bigger shock than Sunderland's record-breaking 9-1 victory at Newcastle on December 5th, 1908. For nearly 47 years that was the record away win in the First Division until on September 3rd, 1955, Wolves won by the same score at Cardiff. But because of the local rivalry Sunderland's victory made the greater impact. To appreciate just how great one must understand neither side was in any way struggling at the time.

Indeed, Newcastle were on their way to winning the League Championship that season while Sunderland were due to finish in third position. The cause of the trouble was Newcastle's surprise 2-0 defeat by Aston Villa in their previous home game, and it was because of this they had dropped five of their star players and brought in new signing Albert Shepherd for the visit to Nottingham Forest.

The much-changed side then did so well (winning 4-0) it was decided to retain the line-up for the derby game with Sunderland. At the interval there was no sign of the shock to come for the sides were level with one goal each, but Sunderland regained the lead three minutes after the restart and so overwhelmed the home side they scored eight goals in a spell of 28 minutes, the last five in eight minutes.

## 60 FOR DIXIE

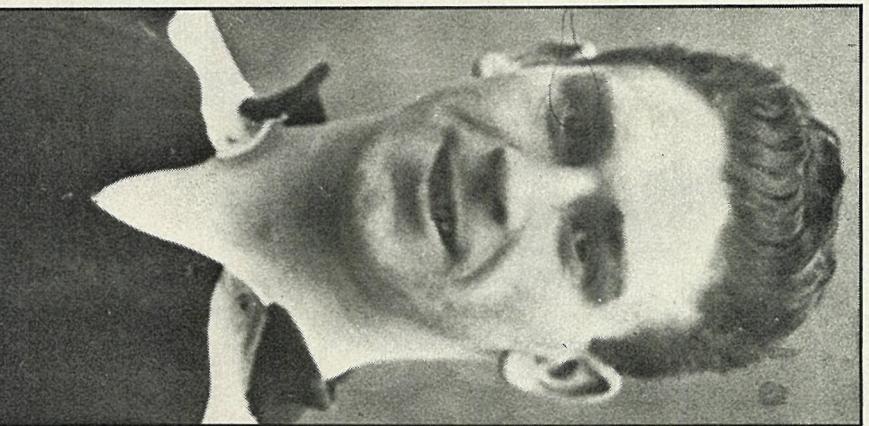
Arsenal have been involved in many record-breaking achievements in their time, but they were on the receiving end when Dixie Dean broke the record for the greatest number of goals ever scored in a season of League football. The occasion was the last match of the season on May 5th, 1928, when Arsenal visited Everton. Until that game this particular scoring record belonged to George Camsell who in the previous season had netted 59 Second Division goals for Middlesbrough, but with the remarkably consistent scoring of Dixie Dean, Everton had already clinched the League title in 1928 and the chief target against Arsenal was to help Dean beat Camsell's record and it wouldn't be easy because he still needed another three goals. It may have been asking a lot but Dean got those three goals and how the 60,000 crowd

## Goalscoring

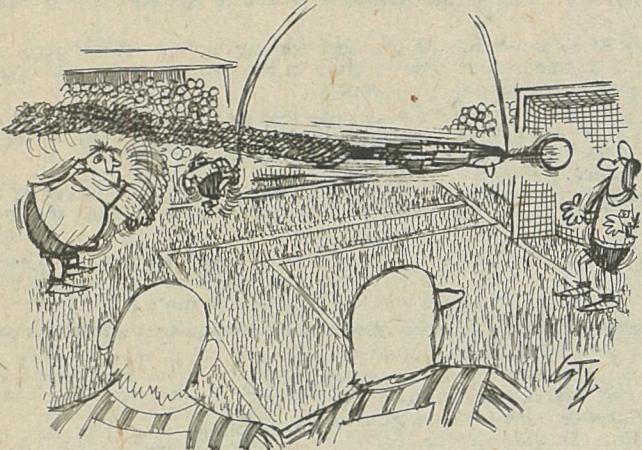
### RAPID SHOOTING

Ephraim "lock" Dodds was one of the most powerfully-built centre-forwards in the Football League in the 1930's and 1940's and enjoyed many remarkable bouts of goal-scoring. He excelled himself in a War-time Cup game for Blackpool against Tranmere Rovers, February 28th, 1943, by scoring three goals in 2½ minutes.

### RAPID SHOOTING



# FOOTBALL FUNNIES



This week Watford 'keeper STEVE SHERWOOD selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

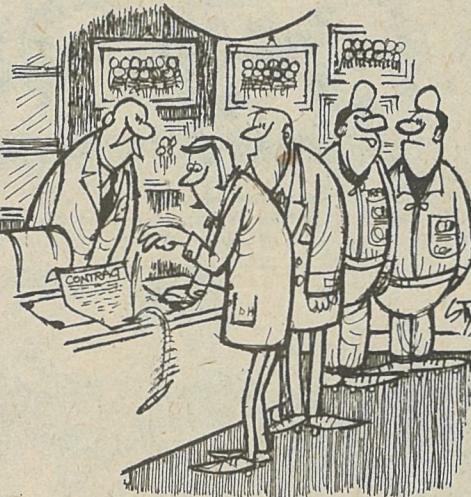
"The financial position of the club has put extra pressure on me — I'm expected to sell 30,000 programmes to a 10,000 gate"



"Rather sad — first time he's won the toss in years"



"The supporters club are putting on Peter Pan for Christmas — want you to play 'Tinka Bell'"



"I don't like it, Joe — the way our new goalkeeper keeps dropping the pen"

## NOBBY

WHO SAID WALKING UNDER A LADDER WAS UNLUCKY?



I HAD THE GAME OF MY LIFE AFTER THAT LITTLE LOT!



WE WERE THREE UP AT HALF-TIME AND WE'D HAVE PROBABLY SCORED THREE MORE



IF IT HADN'T BEEN ABANDONED THROUGH FOG!



## Rangers a hit — without a striker

Just how well Rangers manager, Jock Wallace, is off for playing staff is emphasised by the fact the Ibrox side have climbed to the top of the Premier Division in recent weeks without a regular centre-forward wearing the number nine jersey.

The man occupying the berth has been the versatile Derek Johnstone who has displaced Derek Parlane and his understudy, Chris Robertson, and also scored two hat-tricks.

At the same time Rangers have been able to loan out another two centre-forwards — Colin Stein to Kilmarnock until the end of the year and 21-year-old Martin Henderson, to Hibs for three months.

Rangers have a third player out on loan to a senior Scottish club — he's young goalkeeper Donald Hunter who is currently with St Mirren.

IN 16 seasons with Bristol Rovers, Lindsay Parsons has yet to score a Football League goal. No other current player has gone that long without opening his scoring account.

## NEWS DESK

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• Sligo Rovers' "Rochdale connection" is growing. With the signing of Don Tobin, there are now three ex-Rochdale players at the Showgrounds. Paul Fielding and Gary Hulmes are the other two.



### PLAYER-MANAGER ALAN THOMPSON WINS HIS FIRST MANAGERS AWARD

STOCKPORT COUNTY player-manager Alan Thompson will remember his first Bell's managers award, which he is photographed here receiving from Graham Newbold, Northern sales manager for Bell's Whisky. Not only was he Division Four Manager of the Month for October — named by The Football League to receive a gallon of Scotch — he also scored in his side's impressive 6-0 victory over Hartlepool at

Edgeley Park. That was the first time County had hit more than five goals in a match since they beat Carlisle United 8-1 in January, 1956!

And the rest of the team — you can spot famous members of the side, Chris Lawler (ex-Liverpool) behind him, and Mike Summee (ex-Manchester City) smiling behind the bottle — seem to agree it was an evening to remember.

# 'Mick Ferguson — England's best striker' says his Coventry boss Gordon Milne

MICK FERGUSON, Coventry City's powerful striker, has really emerged this season as one of the most feared forwards in the land.

His link-up with Ian Wallace this season has sent The Sky Blues zooming into the race as serious Championship contenders for the first time since they won promotion back in 1966-67.

The potential of Wallace was there for all to see following his £75,000 transfer from Dumbarton in August, last year.

But it is Ferguson's growing contribution that has really set soccer talking.

Coventry manager Gordon Milne says: "Mick

is the best and certainly most dangerous centre-forward in the country and should play for England."

Praise like that from one's manager can often be taken lightly. But Milne is a man who knows what he's talking about.

Sammy Chung, manager of Coventry's hot Midland rivals, Wolves, also likes the look of Ferguson.

"He is the most improved player I've seen for a very long time. Ferguson is faster than he was a year ago and can be quite lethal in the box."

A YOUNG player making nonsense of his previous non-League experience is Gerry Forrest of Rotherham United. Less than a year ago he was playing as a central-defender for South Bank in the North Eastern Teesside League, but this season his game has matured impressively in the Third Division as a right-back!

Manager Jim McGuigan told SHOOT: "With the approval of South Bank, he played four reserve games on a trial basis.

"He was playing as a central-defender but I could see he had all his angles lined up defensively, good timing and such like.

"I toyed then — it was February/March time — with the idea of playing him at full-back but it so happened with David Pugh being out of action and one or two other defensive injuries the opportunity presented itself at the start of this season and he went in as number two and has never looked back."

Following the pre-season departure of Pat Jennings to Arsenal, Spurs could soon have another Irish goalkeeper on their books.

He is brilliant young Cliftonville keeper Brian Johnston, whose outstanding displays this term have attracted several top clubs, including Spurs, who recently led the race for the promising Ulsterman.

### Moreland move?

Queens Park Rangers, among other clubs, are hot on the trail of classy Glentoran midfielder Vic Moreland, whose European Cup displays this term undoubtedly proved he is Football League material.

Glens' Championship aspirations towards the end of last term halted talented Moreland's potential £30,000 transfer to Second Division Sheffield United, but a cross-channel move now looks likely for the stylish midfielder.

### Cut that could cripple Canaries

NORWICH City, having made their best-ever start in the First Division, fear the bubble could be burst by the shock decision to slash the capacity of their Carrow Road ground from 30,000 to 19,000.

When the cut was imposed by the Norfolk County Council under the new Safety of Sports Grounds Act, Norwich chairman, Sir Arthur Smith, said: "This decision will have a crippling financial effect on the club."

Norwich had been carrying out improvements to meet the requirements of the Act when the new limit was suddenly imposed.

"Now they have made it even more difficult for us to make the improvements," said Sir Arthur. "We need an average home gate of 22,000 just to break even."

Will the reduction in capacity have an effect on the Norwich players? Sir Arthur believes it will: "When a team is going well, anything which upsets them is bad. They play well in front of bigger crowds and when the gate is smaller I believe players don't give quite as much."

Norwich have appealed against the decision, which they also say will spoil their plans for team-building. "If our appeal fails," said Sir Arthur, "I will have to tell our manager, John Bond, to get by with the excellent youngsters we've got. There'll be no more buying."



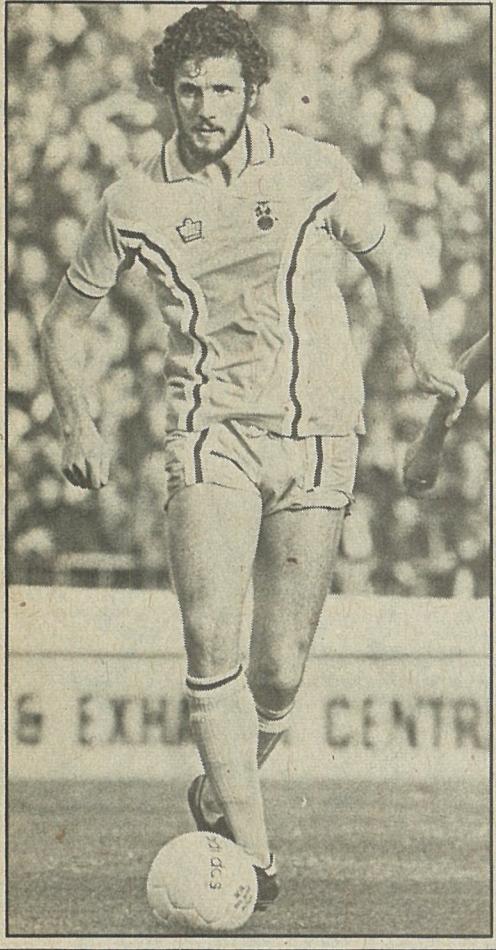
### BOHS TOPS

BOHEMIANS proved their right to be called Dublin's top club when they handed a comprehensive 3-0 defeat to Johnny Giles' Shamrock Rovers in a vital League of Ireland game recently.

Star performer was veteran striker Turlough O'Connor, who scored two goals. The other goal was scored by Tony Dixon, who has taken over on the left-wing from Gerry Ryan, transferred to Derby County.

Dixon is proving a capable deputy for he scored twice the following week in a 4-3 win at Limerick which put Bohs on top of the table.

Another Bohs player in the news is full-back Eamon Gregg (above) who was awarded the October "Player of the Month" award by the Soccerwriters' Association.



**The Northern Ireland Boys' Football Association**, a progressive body formed in recent years, has now become affiliated to the Irish Football Association.

A sporting gesture by the Fulham players . . . before their home match against Orient in October the team presented gifts to handicapped children.

**COMMANDO SEVEN**, a keep-fit book, was a complete sellout in 1973 and a reprint will be in the shops from the 15th December.

The well qualified author is Tony Toms, Sheffield Wednesday's trainer, who spent 15 years with the Marine Commandos and has sportsmen of all kinds journey to Hillsborough to benefit from his experience and knowledge.

Tony has a "strong arm" heritage — his mother was a professional strong woman, who toured the circus and music halls circuits, and his father became bodyguard to General Montgomery — but Tony's literary mind is as agile with words as his physical training methods are with muscles.

His first novel is also in the shops — 'THE SAUSAGE MACHINE' — and he told SHOOT: "I like to think it relates to the funny side of the Commandos." The novel, for adult reading, is entirely his own work . . . he wrote it in longhand without a shadow writer in sight!

A third book from his pen should be ready next March. No prizes for guessing the subject this time . . . football.

## WASPS STING — AT LAST

Allia Athletic will long remember Guy Fawkes day, 1977. It was their 15th game in the Scottish First Division after being promoted last season, and it was their first League win.

Willie Morrison scored the only goal in the game against St. Johnstone at Muirton, Perth. The Wasps even managed to hold on to their lead after full-back Brian McGarry was ordered off with seven minutes to go.

**DEREK SPALDING**, the 22-year-old centre-half who is on Hibs' books, is working as a porter at Chicago Airport.

Cosmos (New York) want him; so do Chicago Sting. But neither will meet Hibs' price. And Spalding, married to an American girl, is determined not to return home to Scotland.

*Checkmate. Or should that be "Cheque, mate?"*

Ally MacLeod's famous "Tartan Terrors" are not the only Scots hitting the international headlines these days, as the Bonny Lassies from the Land of the Thistle showed when they defeated Northern Ireland 4-1, in a women's international, at Inver Park, Larne, recently.

Needless to say, the game attracted a large crowd to the East Antrim venue, including Coventry City assistant-manager Bob Dennison and Larne supremo Brian Halliday, who had just completed the transfer negotiations of new Coventry signings Jim Hagan and Paul Thompson.

The Second Division has thrown up some exciting prospects this season — and none better than Sunderland's 20-year-old centre back Shaun Elliott.

Haltwhistle-born Elliott won a lot of friends in the First Division last season with his midfield displays.

"He did well for me last season," says manager Jimmy Adamson. "He is a fine young player who likes to use the ball and tackles hard."

"I was sorry to lose him in midfield, but he has done a wonderful job at the back."

THERE aren't many safe places around if you're a soccer manager, but even by its widely suicidal standards, the job is more precarious than ever apparently in Yorkshire.

Already this season both Sheffield clubs, Hull City, Huddersfield Town and York City have had a change.

That means the man who has held the reins longest in this turbulent county is Barnsley's Jim Iley — and he didn't arrive at Oakwell until April, 1973.

Jimmy McGuigan joined Rotherham the following month, but no other Yorkshire club has had its current manager more than three years.

You don't hear of many footballers having to fight the flab — but when Halifax Town striker Tommy Horsfall lost his first team place recently he put it down to a few surplus pounds.

Tommy went on a crash diet and immediately lost 5lb in a week.

His determination paid off and within a few weeks he was back in the side, fitter and faster.

Plymouth's 18-year-old centre-forward Mike Trusson can always expect plenty of encouragement from the family.

He has three brothers who play football and his sister is rated a very good women's player. His younger brother had trials with several clubs — including Plymouth.

The brothers of Don Givens (Q.P.R.) and Jimmy Conway (Manchester City) have been in the news in the League of Ireland.

Don Givens (31) has signed for League "babes" Thurles Town and Tom Conway (18) has been signed by Sean Thomas, the new boss of Athlone Town.



## SHOOT ANNUAL 1978

In the 'Go for the Double' diagram on page 16 of the above annual, a football symbol is missing from the space between numbers '36' and '37'. Please blank this space off before tackling the puzzle. We apologise for this unfortunate error.

Hearts have freed big Ian Smith, the tall striker who was on a month-to-month contract since the start of the season at Tynecastle.

Although unable to command a regular first team place after a promising start in which he played a number of games and scored four goals, Hearts continued to fly him up from Birmingham every weekend for the Saturday

GEORGE SMITH is back in his native North-East after a tour of the Football League circuit. The wing-half moved from home club Newcastle United to Workington, Portsmouth, Middlesbrough, Birmingham, Cardiff City and Swansea before taking over as player-coach at Hartlepool. "Nice to be back," says 31-year-old Smith.



## Another 'keeper made in Chesterfield

**STEVE OGROZOVIC** (above), is the latest in a long line of goalkeepers groomed by Chesterfield.

Signed by Liverpool at the beginning of November for £75,000 after just 18 first team games for the Saltergate club, Steve only became a full-time pro during the Summer. He was combining a career with the Police force and playing for Chesterfield's third team.

The ability of the Third Division club to discover 'keepers capable of commanding large transfer fees is remarkable.

Between the two World Wars Sam Hardy, who became an England international with Aston Villa, was a Chesterfield product. So was the late Ray Middleton who won England "B" honours with Derby after his transfer from Chesterfield.

Then there's Gordon Banks, John Osborne, Alan Stevenson, Jim Brown, and Steve Hardwick, who joined Newcastle for £80,000 last December.

No wonder people think of Chesterfield whenever goalkeepers are mentioned.

## Praise for Piper

Steve Piper, the 22-year-old Brighton midfielder, has earned praise from a knowing quarter.

The Seagulls' manager Alan Mulbery, himself a mid-fielder of England, Tottenham and Fulham fame, says of local Brighton boy Piper: "He gets into more scoring positions than ever I did."

With Brighton, promoted from the Third Division last season, pressing for a top spot in the higher sphere, it would do them a power of good if Piper could start popping in a few more of the chances.

afternoon fixtures.

Manager Willie Ormond would have been happy to keep Smith on his books but explained: "It became very difficult when Ian returned to university to continue his medical studies. The only solution was to release him."

Smith will now try to get fixed up with a club nearer home in the Midlands.

# 'I HAVEN'T ASKED UNITED'

HERE have been some sensational transfers this season, but none more surprising than my own, to Tottenham in exchange for England winger Peter Taylor!

According to one "reliable" source in Manchester, such a move has been on the cards for some time.

Well, it's news to me, and as far as I know to my manager Dave Sexton.

How these rumours start is a mystery. But they are definitely unsettling. Perhaps someone . . . somewhere . . . would like to see the back of me at Old Trafford.

I've made no secret of the fact that I would like to return South to end my playing career. Maybe I will go to Spurs, but not for quite a while yet.

As I've said in previous columns, at the moment I've no intention of asking for a transfer.

Why should I? I'm playing for the most popular and glamorous club in Britain and have secured a very comfortable life for myself and family.

All I'm concerned about is to recapture my own form, help United win some silverware and regain my place in the England team.

Our recent 2-0 victory over Italy at Wembley hinted of an exciting new international era and I want to be part of it.

But enough of "phantom" moves, let's examine some of the real transfers which have taken place in the First Division this season.

The most expensive deal was finalised in September when Not-

tingham Forest paid £270,000 to Stoke City for Peter Shilton, a record fee for a goalkeeper.

Many critics regard that as a ridiculous amount to pay for a man in that position. Maybe it is, but footballers don't fix the price on their heads. If a club is prepared to hand over a fortune for a player's services that's their business.

If a manager wants the best he's got to be prepared to pay for it . . . and for me Peter Shilton is the very best.

Let's face it, Forest manager Brian Clough is no mug when it comes to buying. He knows the men he wants and has the courage to go for them when the opportunity arises. I believe he'd have paid £500,000 for Shilton if he had to.

Forest's dramatic rise to the top of the First Division this season is no fluke. Certainly a large part of their success is due to having a goalie of Peter's ability.

Another good buy for Forest was Scotland's midfielder Archie Gemmill. He moved out of Derby for a reported £130,000 when Tommy Docherty moved in.

Part of the deal involved England Under-23 'keeper John Middleton who went to the Baseball Ground.

A fine prospect, but Brian Clough obviously decided he couldn't wait for him to mature. He needed

someone with Shilton's experience to maintain the club's amazing rise from newly-promoted to serious Championship challengers.

Soon after parting with the educated feet of Archie, new Derby boss Tommy Docherty bought two replacements, Don Masson from Q.P.R. and former Baseball Ground favourite Bruce Rioch from Everton.

Don, rated at £200,000, was a straight swap for Welsh winger Leighton James. I was surprised at such a move until Rangers' manager Frank Sibley explained it in a SHOOT article.

He wanted to bring down the average age of the team — Don is over 30 — and needed a player to give him extra width and punch on the wing, which Leighton will provide.

It cost Tommy Doc another £150,000 to bring back Bruce Rioch. Apparently he didn't really fit in at Goodison and wasn't able to give of his best.

This often happens when a player is transferred after spending years with one club.

He might not get along with one or two of his new team-mates, or be able to adapt to the different role his manager might want him for.

Sometimes he, or his wife, can't settle down in the strange environment. And there's nothing worse than being unhappy in a house, or new district.

So I imagine Bruce jumped at the chance to return to his old hunting ground, and the area he and his family knew so well.

Masson and Rioch are two of the finest midfielders in the game and should help The Doc restore Derby as the First Division force they were

a couple of seasons ago.

Everton seem to be doing very well without the skills of Bruce Rioch. A large part of their success so far this term is perhaps due to the arrival of £200,000 winger Dave Thomas from Q.P.R.

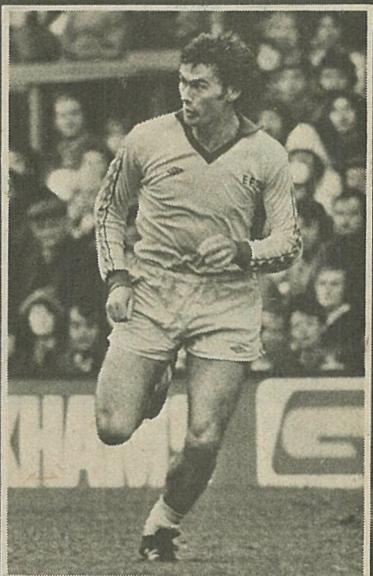
I must admit I was amazed at Rangers letting a player of Dave's calibre leave Loftus Road, even if they did get a good price for him.

Apart from his contribution to the whole team effort at Everton, Dave's crosses definitely won Bob Latchford his first England cap against Italy last month.

It's not surprising Bob's having such a fine season with Dave alongside him.

Before selling Don Masson, Q.P.R. were involved in another strange deal. They bought their former midfielder Martyn Busby back from Notts County for £80,000. That's twice what they sold him for a year or so ago!

Arsenal have been "shopping" in the transfer market this season, as



My Soccer Scene

**GORDON  
HILL**

(Above) Dave Thomas . . . a great buy for Everton.

(Main pic) England's victory over Italy could be the start of an exciting new international era.

# FOR A MOVE'

buyers and sellers.

They sold Trevor Ross to Everton for £170,000 and bought Alan Sunderland from Wolves for a reported £240,000.

I rate Ross as a fine prospect and would have thought his future was at Highbury. Maybe he didn't see eye-to-eye with manager Terry Neill.

I haven't seen too much of Sunderland, who made over 130 League appearances and scored around 30 goals for Wolves, so I can't really assess his skills. But Terry Neill wouldn't have paid out nearly a quarter-of-a-million if he wasn't sure of the quality of the goods.

Burnley are a club famous for

discovering, developing and then selling top-class players.

Dave Thomas is one ex-Turf Moor star. Brian Flynn, recently signed by Leeds, is another.

What a pity Burnley are always being forced to sell their most valuable assets in order to survive.

One striker who cost around half-a-million in two moves in less than a year without really justifying such a huge outlay is Derek Hales.

His transfer to Derby last December for an estimated overall fee of £357,000 should have been the goalscoring success story of the decade.

But Derek couldn't settle at the Baseball Ground and was sold as soon as Tommy Doc took over.

West Ham, who wanted him before he left for Derby, paid a cut-price £100,000 for his services, which are badly needed at Upton Park.

All I hope is that Halesie doesn't hit form this Saturday (December 10th) when United visit Upton Park.

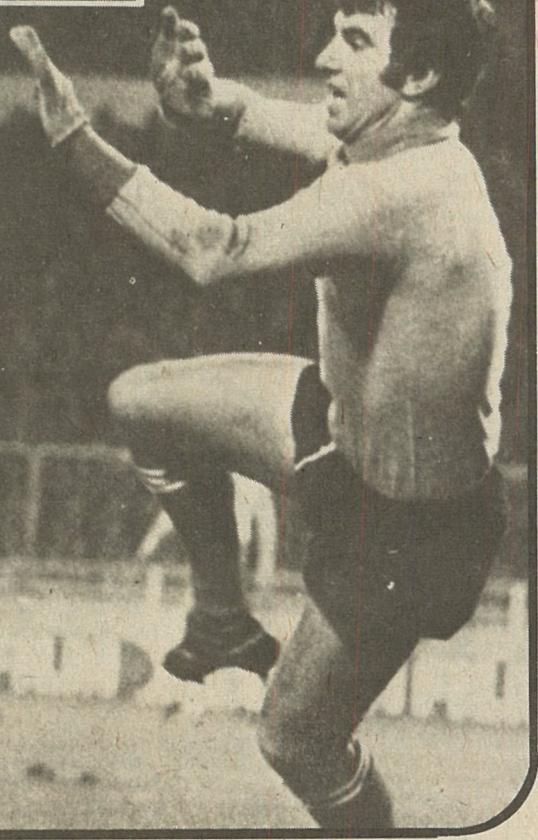
West Ham beat us 4-2 in last season's corresponding fixture to save themselves from relegation.

As I write both clubs are struggling for points in the wrong half of the table, so this fixture promises to be more action-packed than usual.

Cheers for now . . .



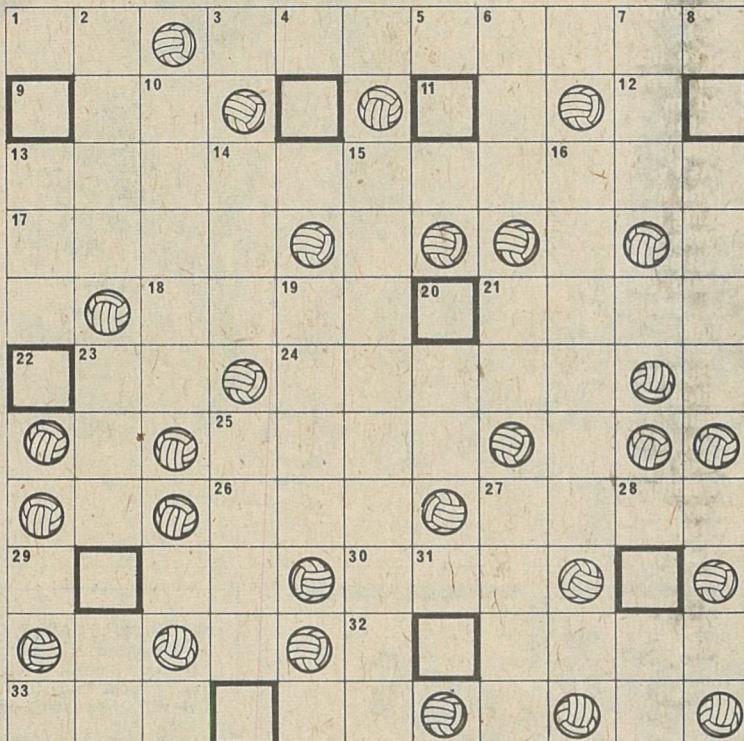
*Derek Hales*



# Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Everton player.

Answers on page 38



## ACROSS:

- (1) Nat L--thous, Footballer of the Year, 1952/3.
- (3) Colin —, Norwich City full-back.
- (9) Bone of the chest.
- (11) Jim M--tgomery, Birmingham City goalkeeper.
- (12) Oak--ll, Barnsley's ground.
- (13) Ipswich Town defender (5 & 6).
- (17) -ramm-r Rover- from Prenton Park.
- (18) — Stadium. Home of Bristol Rovers.
- (22) Aberdeen's colour.
- (24) M-n-hester -ni--d, from Old Trafford.
- (25) Dull pain from a chest knock!
- (26) L-n-- Park, Montrose. Snow runner from the omissions reversed.
- (27) V---- Field, Swansea City's ground.
- (29) Mart-n Pa---ing of Wolves.
- (30) We-t H-m Unite- from Upton Park.
- (32) Keith —, Spurs' defender.
- (33) Sammy —, Arsenal full-back.

## DOWN:

- (1) Take six letters from Portman Road, Ipswich, for a speaker.
- (2) ---b-rt Street, Leicester City's ground.
- (4) Kenny B---s, of Nottingham Forest.
- (5) — Macari, Manchester United player.
- (6) Steve F---ieston of Chelsea.
- (7) Sh--fi-l'd ground of Clyde.
- (8) Some players suffer with them on important occasions.
- (10) Where the skin is broken an injury will do this.
- (14) — Hartford, Manchester City player.
- (15) Tommy —, Coventry City striker.
- (16) Skill or ability.
- (19) -in-il B-n-, Lincoln. Turn the missing letters into a bag.
- (20) Belle — Ground; Doncaster Rovers.
- (21) Ian Br--ton of Chelsea.
- (23) Peter —, Queens Park Rangers' striker.
- (25) --l-ur-t P-rk, Crystal Palace. Cricket trophy from the missing letters.
- (27) ---ar Str-et. Ground of Hereford United.
- (28) Mick —, Coventry City full-back.
- (31) Gl--gow Rangers.



# Bang in the net at Christmas

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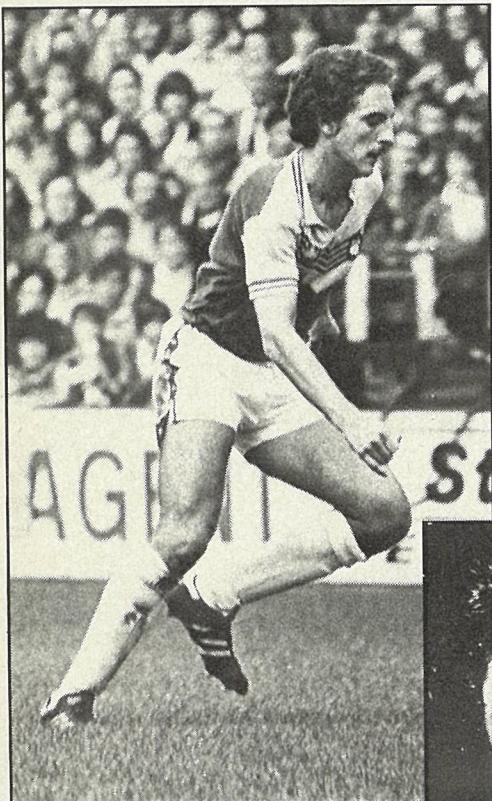
Manager John Lyall (right) has spent most of his life with the Upton Park club. He was a member of the West Ham office staff for nearly two years before signing professional on May 1st, 1957.

Was capped by the England Youth side and after making his League debut v Chelsea in February, 1960, had made 30 League appearances before injury terminated his playing career.

He was appointed assistant manager in 1971 and took over as boss in September, 1974. As a manager John Lyall led West Ham to victory in the 1975 F.A. Cup Final against Fulham and a year later The Hammers reached the Final of the Cup-Winners' Cup.



**GROUND:**  
Upton Park.  
**SIZE OF PITCH:**  
110 yards by 72 yards.  
**TELEPHONE NO.:**  
01-472 0704  
**NICKNAME:**  
'Hammers'  
**COLOURS:**  
Claret shirts with blue yoke and sleeves. White shorts with claret and blue facings. White stockings.



West Ham's young defender Paul Brush (left). Tommy Taylor (right, on the ball) has been in fine form this season.

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Five minutes' walk from Upton Park Underground station (District Line). Buses from Barking Road, Romford Road and Green Street.

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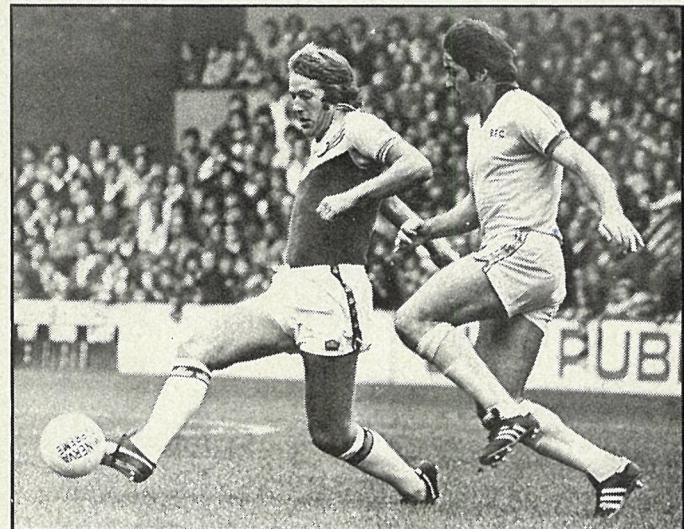
There is plenty of street parking around the ground.

WEST HAM United supporters are surely the most battle-hardened in the Football League. As Christmas approaches, Hammer fans look at the First Division table and as a matter of habit glance to see how the club's fellow relegation candidates are faring.

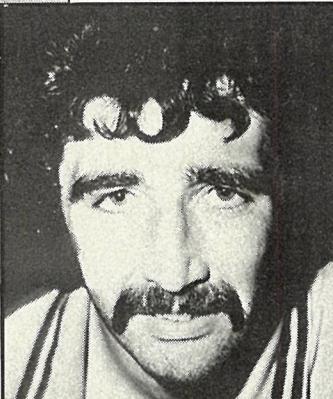
The reason for Hammers' poor showing is hard to understand. There is no doubting the skill in the side. Any team with Trevor Brooking, surely one of the few world class footballers in England, will not lack in that vital midfield department. Young stars like defender Paul Brush and midfielder Geoff Pike have won deserved praise for their work.

In attack, West Ham have brought back Bryan Robson, signed Arsenal striker John Radford and invested £100,000 in Derek Hales in the hope he can recover the form that made him such a sought-after target when he was with Charlton. But still the points elude the popular East London club and their suffering supporters.

# WEST HAM



Derek Hales (right) cost the club £100,000 when signed from Derby County this term. Kevin Lock (far right) is an England Under-23 international.



**RECORD VICTORY:**  
8-0 v Rotherham U, Division Two, 1957-58, and Sunderland, Division One, October 19th, 1968.

**RECORD DEFEAT:**  
2-8 v Blackburn Rovers, Division One, December 26th, 1963.

**MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:**  
57 in Division Two, 1957-58.

**HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:**  
Vic Watson, 41 in Division One, 1929-30.

#### THEIR RECORD SINCE 1960-61

(C — League Champions; P — Promoted; R — Relegated; W — Winners; F — Finalists; S/F — Semi-Finalists; Q/F — Quarter-Finalists; E — European Cup; CW — European Cup-Winners' Cup; U — U.E.F.A. or Fairs Cup; DNC — Did not compete)

SEASON	LEAGUE POSITION	F.A. CUP REACHED	L.GUE REACHED	C.U.P REACHED	EUROPE
1960-61	1 — 16th	3rd	3rd	DNC	
1961-62	1 — 8th	3rd	3rd	DNC	
1962-63	1 — 12th	Q/F	3rd	DNC	
1963-64	1 — 14th	W	S/F	DNC	
1964-65	1 — 9th	4th	2nd	W (CW)	
1965-66	1 — 12th	4th	F	S/F (CW)	
1966-67	1 — 16th	3rd	S/F	DNC	
1967-68	1 — 12th	5th	4th	DNC	
1968-69	1 — 8th	5th	3rd	DNC	
1969-70	1 — 17th	3rd	3rd	DNC	
1970-71	1 — 20th	3rd	3rd	DNC	
1971-72	1 — 14th	5th	S/F	DNC	
1972-73	1 — 6th	4th	3rd	DNC	
1973-74	1 — 18th	3rd	2nd	DNC	
1974-75	1 — 13th	W	3rd	DNC	
1975-76	1 — 18th	3rd	4th	F (CW)	
1976-77	1 — 17th	4th	4th	DNC	
1977-78	—	—	2nd	DNC	

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# WEST HAM



BACK: Billy Jennings, Alan Devonshire, Paul Brush, Mick McGiven, John Radford, Bobby Ferguson, Mervyn Day, Bill Green, Billy Bonds, Trevor Brooking, John McDowell, Kevin Lock.

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# UNITED



FRONT:— Alan Curbishley, Bryan Robson, Pat Holland, Anton Otulakowski, Alan Taylor, Frank Lampard, Tommy Taylor, Geoff Pike.

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## PEN-PICTURES

(L.App.— League Appearances; G— Goals; S— Substitutes; All records to end of the 1976-77 season)

**BILLY BONDS:** West Ham were pleased to welcome back their skipper after injury this season and he received a call-up for the England squad for the match v. Italy in November. An England Under-23 international signed from Charlton in May, 1967, for £50,000. Born Woolwich. Ht. 6.0½. Wt. 12.10. L.App.— Charlton 95, West Ham 368 and 1 sub. G— Charlton 1, West Ham 35.

**TREVOR BROOKING:** Midfield star of West Ham and England signed professional in May, 1966. One England Under-23 appearance and won his 19th full cap v. Italy in November of this year. Born Barking. Ht. 6.0½. Wt. 12.10. L.App.— 320 and 7 sub. G— 56.

**PAUL BRUSH:** Young defender who signed professional in February, 1976, and after making his first team debut on a pre-season tour of Norway in the summer, has made the number three shirt his own in the League side. Born London.

**ALAN CURBISHLEY:** Midfield player signed professional in July, 1975. Born Forest Gate. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L.App.— 21 and 5 sub. G— 2.

**MERVYN DAY:** Goalkeeper and England Under-23 international who signed professional in July, 1975. Born Chelmsford. Ht. 6.3. Wt. 13.0. L.App.— 158.

**ALAN DEVONSHIRE:** Midfielder signed from Southall in September, 1976, and in his first season in League football finished runner-up in the club's Player of the Year award. Born London. L.App.— 27 and 1 sub.

**DEREK HALES:** Striker who cost West Ham £100,000 when they signed him in October, 1977, from Derby County. Born Lower Halston. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.2. L.App.— Luton 5 and 2 sub, Charlton 126 and 3 sub, Derby 17 and 1 sub. G— Luton 1, Charlton 73, Derby 4.

**FRANK LAMPARD:** Inspiring defender who signed professional in September, 1965. An England Under-23 international with one full cap. Born London. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.1. L.App.— 323. G— 12.

**KEVIN LOCK:** Defender and England Under-23 international signed professional in December, 1971. Born London. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.6. L.App.— 116 and 10 sub. G— 1.

**MICK McGIVEN:** Midfielder signed from Sunderland in December, 1973. Mick has been



unlucky with injuries. Born Newcastle. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 11.4. L.App.— Sunderland 107 and 6 sub, West Ham 42 and 2 sub. G— Sunderland 9.

**ANTON OTULAKOWSKI:** Young midfielder signed from Barnsley in October, 1976. Born Dewsbury. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 11.0. L.App.— Barnsley 42, West Ham 10 and 2 sub. G— Barnsley 2.

**GEOFF PIKE:** Exciting young midfielder signed professional in September, 1974. Born Clapton. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.2. L.App.— 20 and 3 sub. G— 6.

**JOHN RADFORD:** Striker signed from Arsenal for £80,000 in December, 1976. Led the Arsenal attack when they won the Double in 1970/71 season. An England Under-23 international and one full cap. Born Pontefract. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.2. L.App.— Arsenal 375 and 4 sub, West Ham 18. G— Arsenal 111.

**BRYAN ROBSON:** Striker in his second spell at Upton Park. Signed from Sunderland in October, 1976. Born Sunderland. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.8. L.App.— Newcastle 205 and 1 sub, Sunderland 90, West Ham (two spells) 150. G— Newcastle 81, Sunderland 34, West Ham (two spells) 61.

**ALAN TAYLOR:** Striker signed from Rochdale for £40,000 in November, 1974. Scored both West Ham's goals in their F.A. Cup Final victory v. Fulham in 1975. Born Lancaster. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 11.0. L.App.— Rochdale 55, West Ham 68 and 6 sub. G— Rochdale 7, West Ham 20.

**TOMMY TAYLOR:** Central defender in fine form this season. Signed from Orient in October, 1970. An England Under-23 international. Born Hornchurch. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 13.0. L.App.— Orient 112 and 2 sub, West Ham 266. G— Orient 6, West Ham 6.

*West Ham and England midfield star Trevor Brooking (above) in action during their 3-3 home draw with West Brom. Mervyn Day (below).*



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### LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Ground
Aug.		
20	Norwich C .....	H 1-3
24	Leicester C .....	A 0-1
27	Manchester C .....	H 0-1
Sept.		
3	Newcastle U .....	A 3-2
10	O.P.R.....	H 2-2
17	Bristol C.....	A 2-3
24	Everton.....	H 1-1
Oct.		
1	Arsenal.....	A 0-3
3	Middlesbrough .....	H 0-2
8	Nottm. For. ....	H 0-0
15	Wolverhampton W....	A 2-2
22	Aston Villa .....	H 2-2
29	Ipswich T .....	A 2-0
Nov.		
5	Coventry C .....	A 0-1
12	West Bromwich .....	H 3-3
19	Derby Co .....	A 1-2
26	Leeds U .....	H 0-1
Dec.		
3	Liverpool .....	A
10	Manchester U .....	H
17	West Bromwich .....	A
26	Birmingham C .....	H
27	Chelsea .....	A
31	Leicester C .....	H
Jan. 1978		
2	Norwich C .....	A
14	Manchester C .....	A
21	Newcastle U .....	H
Feb.		
1	O.P.R.....	A
11	Bristol C.....	H
18	Everton.....	A
25	Arsenal .....	H
Mar.		
4	Nottm. For. ....	A
11	Wolverhampton W....	H
18	Aston Villa .....	A
24	Ipswich T .....	H
25	Chelsea .....	H
28	Birmingham C .....	A
Apr.		
1	Coventry C .....	H
8	Leeds U .....	A
15	Derby Co .....	H
22	Manchester U .....	A
25	Middlesbrough .....	A
29	Liverpool .....	H

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# YOU ARE THE REF

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**1** You have awarded a goal, but before play is restarted, a linesman reports he had signalled the ball out of play over the touch-line. Do you (a) stick to your goal decision, (b) disallow the goal and award a throw-in or (c) drop the ball?

**2** An attacker moves along the goal-line with the ball and is tripped at the junction of the penalty-area line and the goal-line. The ball then goes behind the goal-line. Do you award (a) a penalty-kick, (b) a direct free-kick outside the penalty-area or (c) a goal-kick?

**3** Two defenders argue about the taking of a free-kick to their team inside the penalty-area. One defender strikes the other. After you have dismissed the first defender do you restart play with (a) a penalty-kick, (b) an indirect free-kick to the opposing team or (c) the original free-kick to the defending team?

**4** From a free-kick, outside the penalty-area, a defender passes the ball back to his goalkeeper who picks it up before it has travelled ten yards. Do you (a) take no action, (b) have the free-kick retaken or (c) award an indirect free-kick?

**5**

A: A goalkeeper catches the ball, takes four steps while holding it and then rolls the ball on the ground inside his own goal-area.

B: An attacker charges the goalkeeper fairly when the ball is within playing distance inside the goal-area.

C: A defender obstructs a team-mate and prevents him from playing the ball. You take no action. (Where is the problem?)

## ANSWERS:

1. The goal should be disallowed and play restarted with a throw-in (b). 2. Award a penalty-kick (a) because the penalty-area line is part of the penalty-area. 3. Because the offence occurred while the ball was inside his goal-area and he is not holding the ball. In A the goalkeeper has correctly released the ball after taking the ball while holding it. In C there is no offence against an opponent.

4. Take no action (a). The ball may be played after it has travelled the maximum of four steps in play the game must be restarted with the original free-kick (c).

# GOAL-LINES

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This week's Star Letter comes from P. Sandhu of Leamington Spa in Warwickshire who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

## ALL CHANGE

**HYPOCRITES:** Yes, hypocrites; That's the only word I can think of to describe all the newspapermen, television commentators etc. who drive me up the wall.

For instance, they forecast scores of 9-0 or 10-0 for the international in Luxembourg a couple of months ago — and then criticised England for scoring only two goals.

Then, before the Italy game they wrote about not enough experience, how Keegan wouldn't play — yet were then full of praise afterwards.

This sudden change in attitude made me want to throw something at my television (luckily I didn't) and I was delighted to see England defy all the gloomy forecasts.

Personally, I find it more amusing to see how certain newspaper writers change their tunes when it comes to the England manager. Don Revie suddenly became "bad" after being "great" and Ron Greenwood seems "the man for the job" after being "too old".

## Wrong

AT THE start of the season just about everyone's tip for relegation was Norwich. Not far behind — Coventry.

Both clubs have proved the critics wrong with their deserved high placings.

I wouldn't be surprised to see Norwich and Coventry qualify for Europe.

Good luck to them for proving the newspapers wrong.

MARK MORTON, CROMER.

We on SHOOT! must confess we have also been proved wrong.

## Violence

AS A fanatical soccer and rugby follower, I sometimes think people make too big a thing out of violence on the field.

Soccer has nothing to worry about in this respect. Take a look at rugby and you'll see what I mean.

In the fourth Test between the Lions and the All Blacks several times ten or even more players were involved in an open brawl near the referee . . . which went unchecked.

More recently, on the All Blacks' tour of France, an All Black star was knocked out THREE times in one game but still finished the match, although slightly concussed.

In the first Test against France the same player had to leave the field because an eye was badly gouged — intentionally.

And yet you people worry about swearing and spitting!

JEREMY WRIGHT,  
WARKWORTH,  
NEW ZEALAND.

I think Romeo Benetti of Italy would do well as a scrum-half!

## Bright Boro

I'D JUST like to say "Well done!" to John Neal, who seems to have made Middlesbrough a far more entertaining team this season.

If Neal keeps his Boro lads turning out performances like that the fans will soon be flooding back to Ayresome Park.

NIGEN HANNAH,  
STOCKTON-ON-TEES.



Boro, under John Neal (above), are averaging only a goal per game — so in one respect they don't seem to have changed.

## Cricket

ANY nation that thinks cricket is a great game will never excel at soccer.

NEIL GRAHAM,  
STORNOWAY.

How would you explain away cricket-loving England winning the 1966 World Cup Final?

## Pen-Pal

I'M a 16-year-old fan from Singapore and I'd like to write to Liverpool fans.

HENRY CHUA,  
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SINGAPORE.

ONE of the most popular pastimes amongst football fans is selecting a World XI . . . it's popular because everybody likes to argue that his — or her — side is the best.

It's an almost impossible task because the quality of players available forces you to leave out stars who have become household names over the years.

Now I'm not suggesting my line-up is better than yours . . . but you'll have to agree it's pretty good!

Choosing the goalkeeper is a relatively easy task because I have never seen anyone as good as GORDON BANKS. Quite simply, he was the greatest and if one player is in just about every "team" — it's surely Gordon.

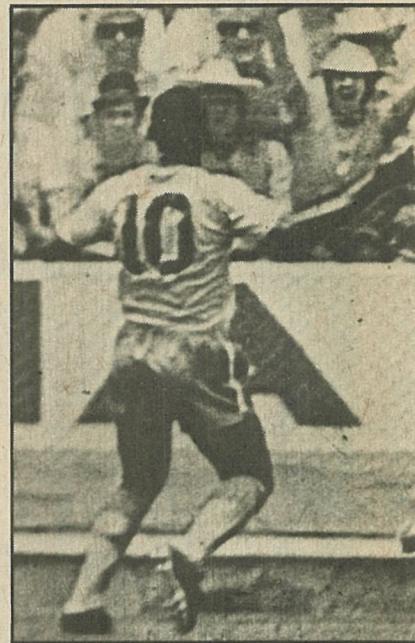
He's 38 now but a few months ago completed a highly successful season for the Fort Lauderdale Strikers out in the United States.

Even with the restriction of being able to see from only one eye, Gordon was, by all accounts, the star 'keeper of the competition — which says much for his dedication and enthusiasm.

Had he not been so badly injured in that car crash around five years ago, I'm sure Gordon would still be playing top grade soccer in England.

His agility was unbelievable and he could almost guarantee his side their share of clean sheets during a season.

I remember two saves in particular. The famous one against Pele in



do they attack. Yet unlike some attacking defenders, they never forget their first duty at the back.

In the middle of my defence — FRANZ BECKENBAUER and LUIZ PEREIRA.

Franz just beat Bobby Moore to the sweeper's role for his superior distribution of the ball, a skill he used so effectively during his days as a midfielder.

I don't go along with those who say the West German is wasted at the back. Playing as he does, he can dictate the game and Franz's style revolutionised defensive play.

He was the first of the attacking sweepers — and how well he does it!

I was surprised he joined the Cosmos the year before the World Cup Finals, thus almost certainly giving up his chance of helping his country retain their crown.

All I can assume is it must have been one heck of an offer from the American club . . . although I'd have thought Franz was already one of the richest footballers in the world.

I couldn't think of a really good stopper. No doubt there have been many before my time, but I can't recall any truly outstanding modern day centre-halves.

I plumped for the big Brazilian Pereira who did well in 1974 and now has the added experience of European football with Atletico Madrid. I saw him on T.V. against Scotland last summer for Brazil and he was world-class.

My midfield gave me a bit of a problem in finding the right balance. Eventually I settled for a trio without a recognised ball-winner, possibly because my side would attack so much a destroyer wouldn't be necessary.

The first name I wrote down was that of JIM BAXTER. I used to watch Jim in action for Rangers as a lad and he was everything I hoped to be. Jim could have become King of Scotland yet left Rangers to try his luck in England.

"The crowd yells 'Goal' but Gordon Banks (on ground) pulls off a world class save from Pele (number 10). George Best (below) could have been the greatest player ever."



# 'MY WORLD XI'



He never hit it off down South — I've no idea why, but what a pity English fans didn't have the chance to see this superb player at his peak.

BOBBY CHARLTON was my second selection. You could never tell what Bobby was going to do next and it was this anticipation of the unexpected that made Bobby such a popular player. He's never been replaced in the England team, for which he scored so many superb goals.

As a Scot I'll never forget his debut against us when he slammed home what I feel is probably the best of his many international goals.

After much thought, my last midfield spot went to GIANNI RIVERA, the best Italian player I've ever seen.

The AC Milan star has impressed

me every time I've watched him play and his cool, penetrating style would blend with Jim and Bobby.

Now for my front three. Well, PELE had to be there, of course. What sort of a World XI can't include Pele?

He's the Muhammad Ali of soccer! Quite simply, The Greatest — and I doubt if we'll ever see the likes of him again.

Such players come along once in a blue moon and it is a big disappointment I never had the chance to play against him.

I treasure the memories I have of Pele, especially his superlative form in the Mexico World Cup.

I couldn't leave out JOHAN CRUYFF, the top player now Pele has called it a day. I can understand the Dutch skipper not wanting to play in the World Cup Finals. Had they been in Europe then maybe he'd have played on, but he is worried by the threat of being kidnapped and the time away from his wife and children.

Obviously the number one target for any terrorists is the number one player — Cruyff. He's already been held up by a gunman in his Barcelona home and now prefers to stay with his family.

Holland will miss Johan — no team can lose a player of his calibre and not notice it. Not even Holland.

Finally, to play alongside the greatest and present-day greatest . . . the star I believe COULD have been the greatest, GEORGE BEST.

He had what it takes to rank alongside Pele and company, yet for one reason or another didn't sustain it. What a shame.

I met George for the first time recently after a 5-a-side tournament in London. We had a nice chat and I liked him a lot.

So that's my side. Sadly, I don't think I'll ever warrant a place in it . . . but I'll keep trying!

This Saturday (December 10th) we entertain West Brom at Villa Park in a game that should attract one of the biggest gates of the day.

Albion are going well under Ronnie Allen, and while this isn't a true local derby for us (it's only Villa/Birmingham really) there is still a tremendous amount of interest generated.

See you in two weeks,

# RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

## FOURTH DIVISION

(Continued)

### NEWPORT 0

### TORQUAY 0

4,137

Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Byrne, Emanuel, Walker (R), Jones, Freece, Woods, Clark (Guscott), Relish, Walker (S).

Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Tomlin, Lawrence, Dunne, Brown, Raper.

### ROCHDALE (0) 1

### NORTHAMPTON (0) 1

Farrington

Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Scaife, Scott, Bannon, Owen, Seddon, Meliedew, Esser, Tarbuck.

Northampton: Parton; Mead, Tucker, Lyon, Litt, Bryant, Farrington, McGowan, Martin, Reilly, Christie.

### SCUNTHORPE (1) 2

### HALIFAX (0) 2

Lumby pen., Keeley)

Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock, Kavanagh, Money, Bridges, Oates, Kilmore, Keeley, Lumby, Wigg.

Halifax: Genhoe; Flavell, Bradley, Smith, Alcock, Dunleavy, Carroll, Bell, Powell, Johnston, Horsfall (Bullock).

### SWANSEA (2) 2

### READING (1) 1

Earles)

Swansea: Potter; Evans, Bartley, Bruton, May, Morrissey, Griffiths, James, Curtis, Charles (Lally), Moore (K).

Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Bowman, Hetzke, Hiron, Earles, Nelson, Williams (Sanchez), Cumming, Davies.

### WATFORD (3) 5

### CREWE (2) 2

Bevan, Coyne)

Watford: Sherwood; How, Pritchett, Joslyn, Ellis, Garner, Downes, Mercer, Jenkins, Bolton, Blissett.

Crewe: Crugdington; Collier, Cheetham, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan (Spence), Mason, McGinley, Purdie, Coyne, Tully.

## SCOTTISH PREMIER

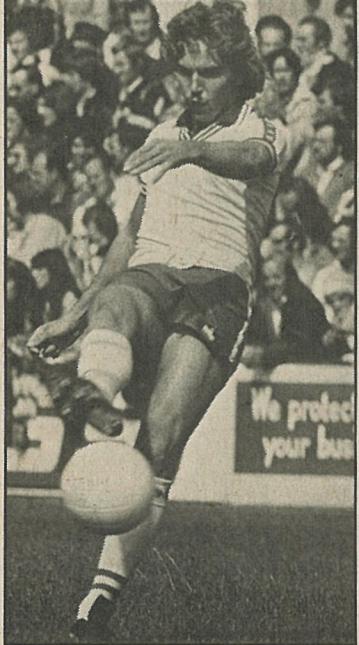
### ABERDEEN (0) 1

### CLYDEBANK (0) 1

(McCallan)

Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Smith, Garner, Miller, Jarvie, Shirra (Davidson), Harper, Fleming, McMaster.

Clydebank: Gallacher; Hall, Abel, Fallon, McCormack, Hay, McNaughton (Lumsden), McColl, Larnach, McCallan, Colgan.



Norwich City's Roger Gibbons scored one of their goals in a 2-2 draw away at Leeds.

**CELTIC (1) 3** (McAdam, Galvin, McDonald)  
**AYR (2) 2** (Cramond, McCall) 20,000  
 Celtic: Latchford; Aitken, Lynch, Glavin, McDonald, Munro, Doyle, Edvaldsson, McAdam, Burns, Wilson.

Ayr: Sproat; Rodman, Kelly, Fleming, McAnespie, Filippi, McCall, Hyslop, Masterton, Cramond, Christie (McCulloch).

### HIBS (0) 0

### RANGERS (0) 1

Jardine pen.)

Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie (Carroll), Schaeffer, Brazil, Stewart, McNamara, McLeod, Higgins, Henderson, Smith, Duncan.

Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, McDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

### PARTICK (0) 1

### HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0

Houston) 6,000

Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Marr, Anderson, Gibson, Houston, Somner, O'Hara, Melrose, Craig.

Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Wark, Miller (J.), McLaren, Stevens, Marinello, Millar (P.), Lindsay (O'Rourke), Davidson, Robertson (O'Neill).

### ST MIRREN (0) 0

### DUNDEE UTD (1) 1

Bourke) 9,300

St Mirren: Hunter; Young, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Docherty, Stark, McGarvey, Richardson, Abercrombie (Sharp).

Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopol, Flemming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Robinson, Bourke, Addison, Payne (Wallace).

MONDAY, OCT. 31

## LEAGUE CUP

(Third Round Replay)

### MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1

### EVERTON (2) 2

(Lyons, Pearson) 28,500

Middlesbrough: Platt; Bailey, Cooper, Souness, Boam, Ramage, Mahoney, Mills, Woof, McAndrew (Hickton), Armstrong.

Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Buckley, King, Dobson, Latchford, Pearson, Thomas.

TUESDAY, NOV. 1

## LEAGUE CUP

(Third Round replays)

### BURY (0) 2

### LEEDS UNITED (0) 0

(Robins, Rowland) 5,726

Bury: Forrest, Keenan, Kennedy, Thomson, Tucker, Hatton, Stanton, McIlwraith, Rowland, Robins, Hamstead.

Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Walker, Brisley, Kitchener, Hazel, Hamilton, Seasman, Alexander, Pearson, Chambers.

### MAN. CITY 0

### LUTON 0

28,254

Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Doyle, Booth, Kidd, Barnes, Channon, Royle, Hartford, Power.

Luton: Alekovic, Price, Buckley, West, Faulner, Futcher (P), Husband, Hill, Futcher (R), Fuccillo, Heale.

### SWINDON (2) 4

### KAMARA, ANDERSON, MOSS, MCNAUL

(Pen.) 9,378

Swindon: Roberts, Ford, Trollope, McLaughlin, Aizlewood, Lewis, Moss, Stroud, Kamara, McHale, Anderson.

Portsmouth: Middleton, Roberts, Wilson, Piper, Foster, Cahill, Pullar, Kemp, Stokes, Denyer, Mellow.

## ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP

### (Semi-Finals second-leg)

### BRISTOL C (3) 5

### Tainton, Mabbott 2, Sweeney

pen., Ritchie)

### HIBS (1) 3

### (McLeod 2, Henderson) 6,072

Bristol C: Shaw, Gillies, Sweeney, Gow (Bain), Collier, Merrick, Tainton, Ritchie, Mabbott, Mann, Whitehead.

Hibs: McDonald, McNamara, Schaeffer, Brazil, Stewart, Higgins, McLeod, Carroll, Henderson, Smith, Duncan.

### ST. MIRREN (1) 2

### HYSLOP, McGarvey

NOTTS CO (0) 1 10,000

St. Mirren: Hunter; Young, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, McGarvey, Stark, Hyslop, Richardson, Munro.

Notts Co: McManus, Richards (P), O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, McVay, Carter, Benjamin, Sims (Bradd), Mann, Vinter.

SATURDAY, NOV. 5

## FIRST DIVISION

### BIRMINGHAM (1) 2

### (Francis, Hibbitt)

28,103

Birmingham: Montgomery, Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Sbragia, Want, Page, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Emmanuel.

Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Patching, Daley, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Bell, Kelly.

### CHELSEA (0) 1

### (Aylott)

36,116

Chelsea: Bonetti, Wilkins (G), Sparrow, Britton, Droy, Wicks, Aylott, Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Cooke.

Notts F: Shilton, Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Gemmill, Bowyer (O'Neill), Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

### COVENTRY (1) 1

### (Wallace)

23,276

Coventry: Blyth, Oakey, McDonald, Yorath, Beck, Coop, Nardiello, Wallace, Ferguson (Graydon), Powell, Hutchison.

West Ham: Day, Lampard, Brush, Bonds, Taylor (T), Pike, Devonshire, Robson, Radford, Brooking, Hales.

### DERBY (0) 0

### (Everton)

29,335

Derby: Boulton, Langan, Nish, Daly, Daniel, Riach, Powell, Hector, Hughes, Masson, Ryan.

Everton: Wood; Jones (Sargeant), Ross, Lyons, Higgins, Buckley, King, Dobson, Latchford, Pearson, Thomas.

### IPSWICH (1) 1

### (Mariner)

23,636

Ipswich: Cooper, Stirk, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Mills, Gates (Turner), Mariner, Geddis, Woods.

Man. C: Corrigan, Clements, Donachie, Doyle, Watson, Owen, Barnes, Channon, Kidd, Hartford, Power.

### LEEDS (1) 2

### (Lorimer 2)

24,345

Norwich: Harvey, Cherry, Gray (F), Lorimer, McQueen, Madeley, Gray (E), (Harris), Hankin, Jordan, Flynn, Graham.

Norwich: Keelan, Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Gibbins, Suggett, Peters.

### LIVERPOOL (0) 1

### (Carrodus o.g.)

50,436

Aston Villa: Carrodus, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Mills, Gates (Turner), Mariner, Geddis, Woods.

Villa: Rimmer, Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan (Cowans), Little, Grey, Cropley, Carrodus.

### MAN. UTD (0) 1

### (Hill)

53,055

Man. U: Stepney, Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Houston, Buchan, McGrath (Grimes), Coppell, McCreery, Hill.

Arsenal: Jennings, Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, McDonald, Stapleton, Rix.

### MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1

### (Hedley)

18,329

Middlesbrough: Cuff, Bailey, Cooper, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Souness, Mills, Ashcroft, McAndrew (Hedley), Armstrong.

Q.P.R.: Richardson, Shanks, Gillard, Busby, Needham, Hollins, Abbott, James, Givens, Bowles, Williams (Wallace).

### NEWCASTLE (0) 1

### (Martin)

22,390

Newcastle: Hardwick, Nattrass, Barker, Walker, Bird, Blackley, Barrowclough, Martin, Burns, Gowling, Craig (T).

Bristol C: Shaw, Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Mabbott (Whitehead), Gillies, Mann.

### W.B.A. (1) 2

### (Brown T., Cross)

20,121

W.B.A.: Godden, Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Cantello, Cunningham, Cross, Robson, Johnston.

Leicester: Wallington, Whitworth, Rose, Kember, Blockley, Webb, Weller, Samuels, Waddle, Salmons, Alderson (Williams).

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## SECOND DIVISION

**BLACKBURN (1) 2** (Brotherston, Waddington pen.)

**SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1** (Peach pen.) 9,930  
Blackburn: Butcher, Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Waddington, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Lewis, Round, Wood, Taylor.

Southampton: Wells; Andruszewski, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, Osgood, Holmes, MacDougall.

**BLACKPOOL (0) 1** (Hatton)  
**SHEFF. UTD (0) 1** (Campbell) 10,625

Blackpool: Ward, Gardner, Harrison, Ronson, McEwan, Suddaby, Ainscow, Hart, Walsh, Hatton, Weston.

Sheff: U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Kenworthy, Colquhoun, Flynn, Woodward, Campbell, Edwards, Hamson, Hamilton (Franks).

**BRISTOL R (2) 2** (Kitchener o.g., Williams)  
**MILLWALL (0) 0** 6,205

Bristol R: Thomas; Bater, Taylor (A), Day, Taylor (S), Aitken, Williams, Randall, Gould, Staniforth, Barry.

Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Walker, Brisley, Kitchener, Moore, Dibble, Chambers, Pearce (Pearson), Murphy, Barrett.

**CARDIFF (1) 2** (Dwyer, Sayer).

**STOKE (0) 0** 8,428

Cardiff: Irwin; Thomas, Pethard, Campbell, Went, Pontin, Grapes, Dwyer, Robson, Sayer, Giles.

Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Lindsay, Kendall, Smith, Dodd (Conroy), Bloor, Richardson, Cook, Backos, Crooks.

**CHARLTON (1) 2** (Flanagan, Peacock)  
**MANSFIELD (1) 2** (Syrett, Moss) 9,068

Charlton: Wood; Berry, Warman, Tydeman, Giles, Dugdale, Powell, Gritt, Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.

Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Phillips, Morris, Saxby, Wood, Sharkey, Moss, Syrett, Hodgson, Miller.

**FULHAM (2) 3** (Mitchell, Best, Maybank)

**SUNDERLAND (1) 3** (Greenwood, Rowell, Arnott) 10,548

Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Lacy, James, Best, Margerrison, Mitchell, Maybank, Evanson.

Sunderland: Siddall, Bolton, Henderson, Arnott, Elliott, Ashurst, Kerr, Rostron, Greenwood, Lee, Rowell.

**LUTON (1) 1** (Husband)

**HULL (0) 1** (Bannister) 8,936

Luton: Aleksić; Price, Buckley, West, Faulkner, Futcher (P), Husband, Hill, Futcher (R), Fuccillo, Heale.

Hull: Wealands; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Dobson, Haigh, Galvin, Grimes, Warboys, Bannister, Stewart.

**NOTTS CO (0) 1** (Vinter)

**BRIGHTON (0) 0** 9,549

Notts Co: McManus; Richards (P), O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchenall, Carter, McVay, Sims, Mann, Vinter.

Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Winstanley, Lawrenson, Potts, Ward, Mellor, Piper, O'Sullivan.

**OLDHAM (1) 1** (Taylor)

**C. PALACE (1) 1** (Perrin) 7,775

Oldham: Platt; Wood (Valentine), Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Bernard, Young, Halom, Chapman, Taylor.

Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Graham, Cannon, Wall, Swindlehurst, Chatterton, Hilaire, Perrin, Harkouk (Jump).

**ORIENT (1) 1** (Roffey)

**BOLTON (0) 1** (Greaves) 7,547

Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Bennett (Allen), Hoadley, Roeder, Chiedozie, Glover, Mayo, Kitchen, Greasham.

Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan (Jones P.), Whatmore, Train, Waldron, Worthington.

**TOTTENHAM (2) 3** (Taylor, McNab, Hoddle)

**BURNLEY (0) 0** 30,634

Tottenham: Daines, Naylor, Holmes, Hodde, McAllister (Armstrong), Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Moores, Lee, Taylor.

Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Pashley, Burke, Rodaway, Thomson, Cochran, Scott, Fletcher, Noble, Smith.

## THIRD DIVISION

**BURY (1) 1** (Rowland)

**ROtherham (1) 1** (Phillips) 5,198

Bury: Forrest, Keenan, Kennedy, Stanton, Tucker, Thomson, Robins, McIlwraith, Rowland, Sudick, Hainstead.

Rotherham: McAlister, Forrest, Breckin, Matthews, Stancilffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.

**CHESTERFIELD (1) 2** (Fern, Cammack)

**BRADFORD C (0) 0** 4,580

Chesterfield: Ogrizovic, Badger, Burton, Kowalski, Cottam, O'Neill, Tarr, Fern, Parker, Cammack, Heppolette (Dearden).

Bradford: Downsborough, Hardcastle, Spark, Fretwell, Middleton, Podd, Smith, Dolan, Cooke (Ratcliffe), Wright, Hutchins.

**EXETER (2) 2** (Hodge pen., Bowker)

**OXFORD (1) 1** (Curran) 4,830

Exeter: Key, Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Saxton, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Randell, Holman, Jennings.

Oxford: Burton, Kingston, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Briggs (Seacole), Foley, Curran, Taylor.

**LINCOLN (0) 2** (Jones, Graham)

**CHESTER (1) 1** (Philips) 4,270

Lincoln: Groter, Guest, Neale, Smith, Wigington, Crombie, Jones, Cockerill, Graham, Hubbard, Harding.

Chester: Lloyd, Edwards (N), Walker, Delgado, Storto, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Kearny, Edwards (I), Phillips.

**PETERBOROUGH (0) 2** (Sargent, Cliss)

**CAMBRIDGE (0) 0** 7,308

Peterborough: Barron, Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin (Sargent), Cliss, Carmichael, Robson.

Cambridge: Hansbury, Batson, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs (Murray), Morgan, Finney, Biley.

**PORTSMOUTH (2) 2** (Kemp 2, 1 pen.)

**TRANMERE (0) 5** (Moore, Flood, Allen pen., Palios, James) 8,782

Portsmouth: Middleton, Roberts, Wilson, Piper, Foster, Cahill, Pullar, Kemp, Stokes, Denyer, Mellowes.

Tranmere: Johnson, Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen (James).

**PORT VALE 0**

**PRESTON 0** 4,208

Port Vale: Connaughton, McGifford, Bentley, Lamb, Harris, Dulson, Sutcliffe, Bailey, Brownbill, Beamish, Beech (Hemmerman).

Preston: Tunks, Cameron, Wilson, Doyle, Baxter, Uzelac, Coleman, Haslegrave, Smith, Elwiss, Bruce.

**STOKE. WED (3) 3** (Hamilton o.g., Prendergast, Tynan)

**CARLISLE (0) 1** (Hamilton) 12,285

Sheff: W, Turner, Walden, Rushbury, Muller, Cusack, Johnson, Wyld, Porterfield, Tynan, Prendergast, Bradshaw (Hope).

Carlisle: Ross, Collins, McCartney, Lathan, Parker, Carr, McVitie, Ludlam, Clarke (Tait), Rafferty, Hamilton.

**SHREWSBURY (2) 3** (Irvine 3, 1 pen.)

**HEREFORD (0) 0** 6,116

Shrewsbury: Mulhern, King, Leonard, Durban, Griffin, Atkins, Irvine, Maguire, Lindsay, Bates, Nixon.

Hereford: Mellor, Emery, Ritchie, Layton, Marshall, Briley, Stephens, Carter, Holmes, Sinclair (Proudlove), Spiring.

**SWINDON (0) 3** (Moss, Aizlewood, Anderson)

**GILLINGHAM (0) 2** (Westwood, Overton) 7,080

Swindon: Allan, Ford, Trollope, McLaughlin, Aizlewood, Prophett, Moss, Stroud, Kamara, McHale, Anderson.

Gillingham: Hillyard, Knight, Burrows, Overton, Shipperley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hunt (Hughes), Price, Westwood, Richardson.

**WALSALL (1) 4** (Serella, Dennehy, Buckley 2)

**COLCHESTER (0) 2** (Allinson, Garwood) 4,231

Walsall: Kearns, Harrison, Newton, Hynd, Serella, Evans, Robertson, Bates, Dennehy, Buckley, Birch.

Colchester: Walker, Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Frogatt, Bunkell, Allinson.

**WREXHAM (2) 2** (Roberts, Shinton)

**PLYMOUTH (0) 0** 8,548

Wrexham: Davies, Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright.

Plymouth: Barron, Smart, Uzzell, Craven, Foster, Taylor, Megson, Johnson, Austin, Harrison, Rogers.

**FOURTH DIVISION**

**BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1** (Lennard)

**STOCKPORT (0) 0** 2,795



Orient's Joe Mayo climbs above the Bolton defence to get in a fine header. A 7,547 crowd turned out to see the match which ended in a 1-1 draw.

Bournemouth: Baker, Butler, Miller, Benson, Impey, Barton (Shanahan), Cave, Showers, Howarth, Lennard, Johnson.

Stockport: Rogan, Lawler, Rutter, Loadwick, Thompson, Fogarty, McBeth, Halford, Park, Prudham, Summerbee.

**BRENTFORD (1) 1** (Phillips)

**YORK (0) 0** 5,980

Brentford: Bond, Fraser, Salman, Lloyd, Kruse, Shrub, Carlton, Graham (J), (Graham, C.W.), McCulloch, Allder, Phillips.

York: Brown, Scott, Hutt, Young, Topping, James, Pollard, Hunter, Randall, Staniforth, Hoy.

**CREWE (1) 2** (Hallows o.g., Mason)

**ROCHDALE (1) 1** (Seddon) 2,378

Crewe: Crugdington, Collier, Cheetham, Rimmer, Bowles, Mason, Betts, McGinley, Spence (Hollinshead), Coyne, Tully.

Rochdale: Poole, Hallows, O'Loughlin, Scaife, Boslem, Bannon, Owen, Seddon (Morrin), Melledeew, Esser, Tarbuck.

**HALIFAX (0) 0**

**DONCASTER (0) 1** (Jones) 1,757

Halifax: Gennoe, Flavell, Bradley, Smith, Alcock, Dunleavy, Powell, Bell, Bullock, Johnston, Horsfall.

Doncaster: Peacock, Robinson, Olney, Laidlow, Owen, Taylor, Miller, Bowden (Snodin), O'Callaghan, Jones, Habbin.

**HARLEPOOL (0) 1** (Poskett)

**WATFORD (1) 2** (Garner, Mercer) 3,121

Hartlepool: Edgar, Smith, Downing, Gibb, Ayre, Simpkin, Gaffney, Linacre, Newton, Poskett, Bielby.

Watford: Sherwood, Joslyn, Pritchett, Booth, Ellis, Garner, Downes, Bolton, Mercer, Jenkins, Blissett.

**NORTHAMPTON (1) 2** (Christie, Martin pen.)

**NEWPORT (1) 4** (Goddard 2, Emanuel, Walker, R) 3,568

Northampton: Parton, Mead, Tucker, Lyon, Litt, Bryant, Farrington, Martin, Reilly, McGowan, Christie.

Newport: Plumley, Derrett, Byrne, Emanuel, Walker (R), Jones (Aizlewood), Guscott, Woods, Goddard, Relish, Walker (S).

**READING (2) 2** (Davies, Kearns)

**DARLINGTON (1) 1** (Seal) 4,045

Reading: Death, Peters, Lewis, Bowman, Hetzke, Hiron, Earles, Kearns, Nelson, Davies, Cumming.

Darlington: Owers, Cochrane, Stone, Nattrass, Craig, Hague, Lyons, Rowles, Seal, Ferguson, Wann.

**SCUNTHORPE (1) 1** (Lumby)

**HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1** (Gray) 3,068

Scunthorpe: Crawford, Czuczman, Peacock, Kavanagh, Money, Bridges, Oates, Kilmore, Keeley, Lumby, Heron.

Huddersfield: Taylor, Brown, Sanderson, Holmes, Baines, Sidebottom, Gray, Hart, Eccles, Johnson, McCaffrey (Mountford).

**SOUTHPORT (1) 1** (Brooks)

**ALDERSHOT (0) 1** (Dungworth) 1,246

Southport: Harrison, Kirby, Snookes, O'Neill, Brooks, Fisher, Higham, Wilson, Ashworth,

Rangers: Kennedy, Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson (Robertson), McDonald, McLean, Russel, Parlante, Smith, Cooper.

Partick: Rough, Mackie, Whittaker, Marr, Anderson, Campbell, Melrose (Houston), Somner, O'Hara, Gibson, Craig.

**RANGERS (1) 3** (Parlane 2, McDonald)

**PARTICK (2) 3** (Somner, Melrose, Gibson) 25,000

Rangers: Kennedy, Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson (Robertson), McDonald, McLean, Russel, Parlante, Smith, Cooper.

Partick: Rough, Mackie, Whittaker, Marr, Anderson, Campbell, Melrose (Houston), Somner, O'Hara, Gibson, Craig.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.



**R**UUD Krol and Wim Suurbier were once regarded in Holland as the Dutch equivalent of English praise for George Cohen and Ray Wilson. They were, after all, star full-backs for Ajax, and also for Holland.

Krol, 28, spends most of his time in a role described as "sweeper" for Ajax and Holland these days. But although he is one of the game's most modest people, he is still one of the biggest stars for his team and his country. He doesn't even include himself in a list of players that were Ajax stars. But there are those who would place him near the top of the list.

Krol believes there is one system the Dutch should copy from England. He also talks about Ajax in their golden years and the fight to recapture the brighter headlines. Read on about England and football as "nice guy" Ruud Krol sees it.

"There is no player from the

## INTERNATIONAL STAR SPOT

### RUUD KROL AJAX AND HOLLAND

last season was 20,000. We are quite happy with our stadium."

**Is Dutch club football on the decline?** "Dutch football has changed. The big stars only play for Ajax and Feyenoord. Well, that's the way things have been for a long time. NEC had only one star in Peters before he moved. Now he has joined AZ '67 they and PSV will give our game more challenge."

ing more professional."

Should England take note of what Johan Cruyff said on English television about concentrating on the League style of play? "England must stick to its own style because people in England want that type of football. They don't want to see typical Continental football. I don't agree with Cruyff. Liverpool have proved that an English team can

# 'We want revenge on West Germany'



Krol (left) in action against Argentina

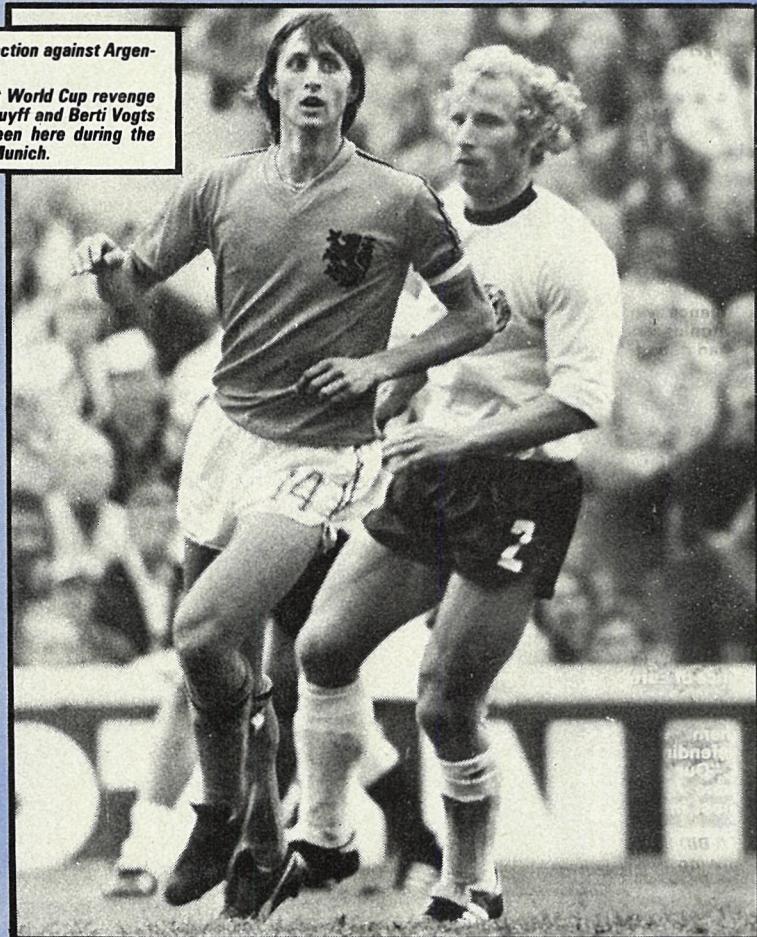
Holland want World Cup revenge... Johan Cruyff and Berti Vogts (right) are seen here during the '74 Final in Munich.

In the Finals of the World Cup who will you fear most in Argentina? "When Holland wins the final match I hope West Germany will be our opponents. We still want revenge for losing in 1974. We can't accept we lost. I think Cruyff will be there although I cannot prove that to be correct because so much has been said about him retiring or something."

**Why do you believe English football is so good to watch?** "I come over as often as I can. I like to watch F.A. Cup-ties and Manchester United. England is the only country where every game in every Division is a spectacle and I really love that. The quality is no higher than in Holland but the working is much harder and think-

reach top level in Europe. They work towards European style, but they have their own style of play."

**Are you worried about the standard of referees in South America?** "I don't know the names of referees who gave England and Scotland some problems last summer, but I am afraid the situation will be the same in the World Cup Finals. Referees in South America have other points of view about how to play football than European referees. I am sure there will be no advantage for European teams there. One feels confident that the football associations this time will achieve better selection of referees, but the situation can be dangerous and explosive."



youth team starring for Ajax. It's been that way for the past few seasons. Dutch football has forgotten the youth team. They think it is better to buy one big player for half a million guilders.

"I believe they should pay attention to ten young players, one of whom could be in the first team. "In England all clubs are investing in players of 15 years. In Holland players of 15 don't get any attention at all. Jan Peters is one of the few good young players who has come through. In the days of Rinus Michels, each day Ajax wanted 11 players together and they sent out scouts to find them when they were young.

"We won all the Cups, you know that, but after that nobody followed Michels' ideas. The English system of finding players so young and looking after them on their way up is the only system I believe

in. And I believe it should be good for Holland if only we would copy it."

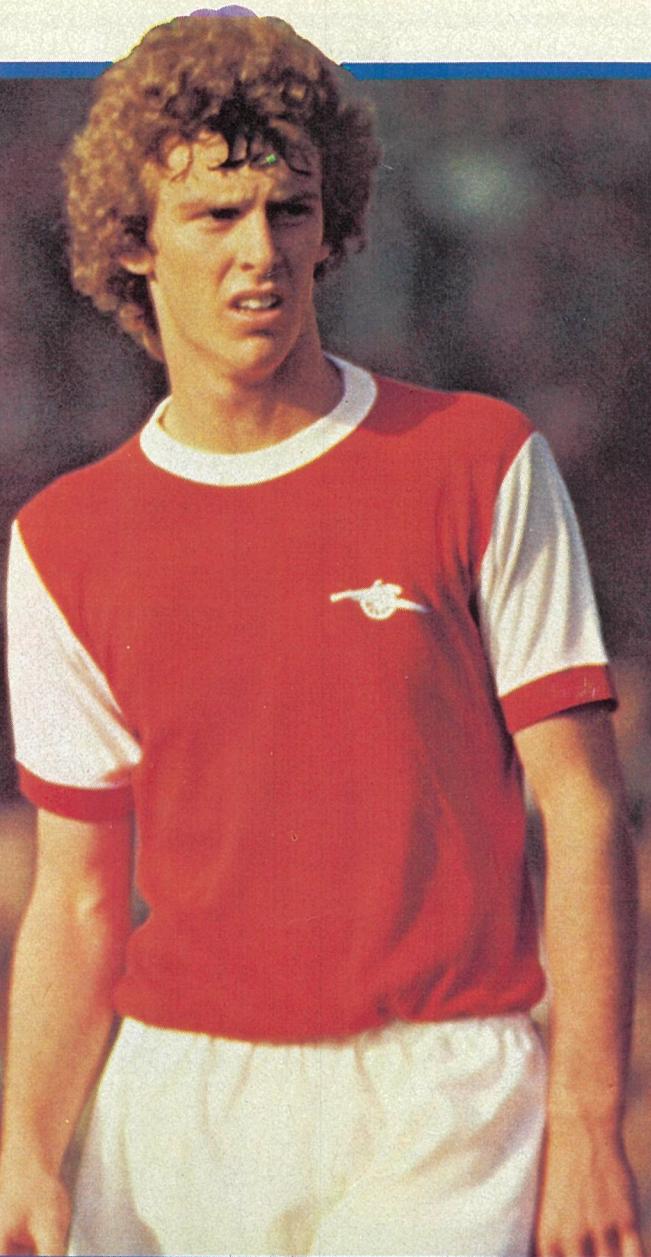
**How is it to lose stars like Cruyff and Neeskens?** "In England a team loses a star as Liverpool did when Keegan went to Germany. But your teams are able to rebuild themselves because your people are able to find another star as Liverpool have with Dalglish. You can't compare that situation with Ajax because they lost so many. England can do better by losing only one player at a time. Teams like Liverpool are deeper in their thinking and more professional in attitude."

**Why do Ajax play in such a small stadium?** "It is small but typically English. People sitting so close to the pitch. When there are 10,000 people there the players think there are 20,000. Our maximum is 30,000 but the average



Action from the Hibernian v Clydebank game which Hibs won 2-0. From left to right Jim Fallon (Clydebank), who heads clear, Alistair Scott, Robert Smith and George Stewart (Hibs), and George McLaughlin (Clydebank).

**FOCUS  
ON**



# GRAHAM RIX

## ARSENAL

**FULL NAME:** Graham Rix

**BIRTHPLACE:** Doncaster

**BIRTHDATE:** 23rd October, 1957

**HEIGHT:** 5ft 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins

**WEIGHT:** 10st 4lb

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None

**MARRIED:** Engaged to Gill

**CAR:** None

**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Wim van Hanegem (Holland)

**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Leeds United

**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:**

They're all difficult

**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** Beating Man. United 3-2 in the League Cup at Highbury this season

**BIGGEST THRILL:** Scoring on my debut against Leicester City in April, 1977

**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Missing half of last season through back trouble

**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** Singapore

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Most Italian dishes

**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Listening to Capital Radio, snooker

**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:**

Smoking, ill-mannered people, washing or

drying dishes

**FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS:** Fawlty Towers, Porridge, Tom and Jerry

**FAVOURITE SINGERS:** Bob Dylan, Eagles, Jackson Browne

**FAVOURITE ACTORS:** John Cleese, Clint Eastwood, Steve McQueen

**BEST FRIEND:** I hope I have many good friends

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My parents

**BIGGEST DRAGS IN SOCCER:** Injuries, bad referees, people who knock

the game but don't really know what they're talking about

**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:**

England Youth and Under-21

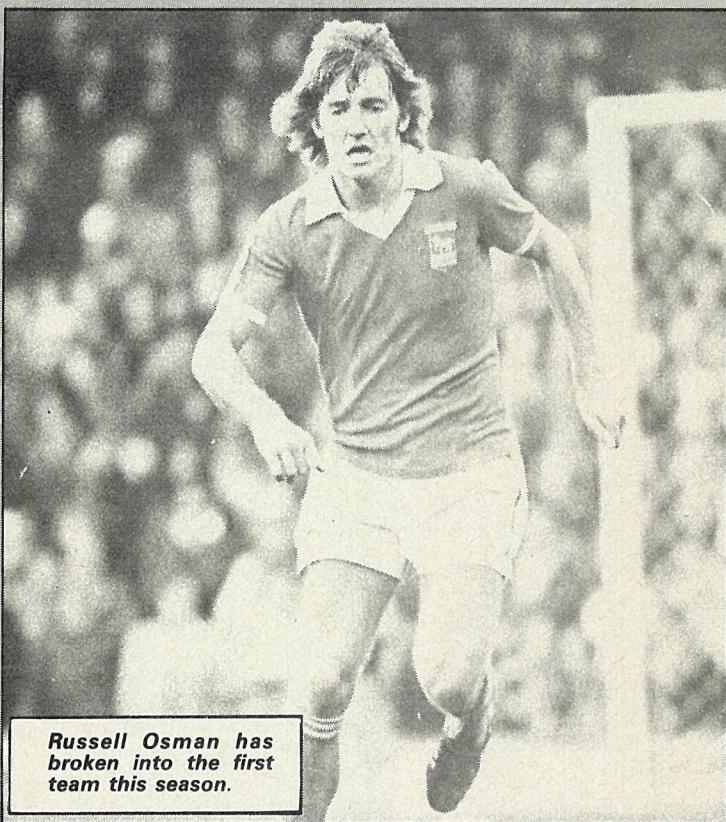
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To be happy and content

**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To keep on improving my game and win something with Arsenal

**IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER**  
**WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE?** A very unhappy person!

**WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD**  
**WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?** The Queen at a Cup Final.

# YOUNG STARS



Russell Osman has broken into the first team this season.

## RUGBY CAPTAIN—NOW SOCCER STOPPER

*Russell Osman (Ipswich)*

RUSSELL Osman's progress in the Ipswich team this season is all the more amazing when it's considered he looked destined to make his mark in rugby until a few years ago.

Osman, who won't be 19 until next February, actually captained England schoolboys at rugby — and went to a school where they didn't even play soccer.

He explains: "The only chance I got to play football was on Sunday mornings. When I was about 15, one of the Ipswich scouts saw me and I was invited for a trial.

"That was it. I suppose I might have gone on to full international level at rugby eventually, but if you get a chance to go professional as a footballer, I think it's silly to turn it down.

"I had hoped I might start this season in the first team after playing well in America on tour, but I suppose I would have had to wait if Kevin Beattie hadn't had cartilage trouble.

"I felt sorry for him, but it couldn't have worked out better for me. And I like to think the pressure's on him now I've broken through.

"There's no pressure on me. I'm only 18 and have many years in front of me.

"It's been great in the First Divi-



sion but you have to adjust to the faster pace and concentrate harder.

"Strikers these days only seem to need half a chance and the ball's in the net. When I played against Derek Hales, he was no trouble for 80 minutes of game. But he scored both the goals in West Ham's 2-0 win.

"Mick Ferguson is the player who probably gave me my hardest game, although it's difficult to say. There are so many good strikers around.

"I've faced some of the best already — Joe Jordan of Leeds and Mike Channon of Manchester City. But I don't get nervous about it — I'm enjoying it so much."

## HIS GOAL BEAT LEAGUE LEADERS

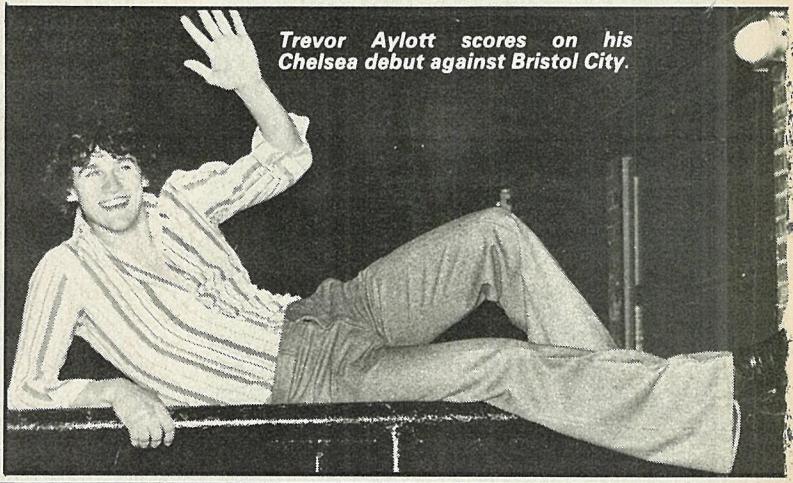
*Trevor Aylott (Chelsea)*

TREVOR Aylott made a remarkable start to his first team career at the end of October — and scored the only goal of the game.

A week later he scored the only goal again — this time to topple a Nottingham Forest side that had only been beaten once in their previous 13 games.

But Aylott, an 18-year-old from Bermondsey, isn't the sort of lad to let that kind of success affect him too much.

He says: "It was lovely to read all the nice things they said about me in the papers but I realise they'll be just as quick to knock me down when I start playing badly.



Trevor Aylott scores on his Chelsea debut against Bristol City.



Mark Higgins gave Villa's Andy Gray a yard and he scored against Everton.

# WHO CAME GOOD

"I'd been hoping I might get in the first team this season but I suppose I didn't really expect it."

"The pace takes some getting used to, but I find you have more time and space in the First Division. I finished with cramp in both those first two games so I obviously felt the difference in the speed."

"Still, when you're keen to impress I suppose you push yourself much harder. I must have done more running in the first-half against Bristol than I'd done all season up to then."

"The funny thing is I always

supported Millwall as a kid but they didn't seem too interested in me so I signed schoolboy forms for Chelsea.

"One of the other nice things about playing in the First Division has been the crowd. When I came out for that first game I was feeling really nervous. But then the crowd started singing my name and I felt fabulous."

"I know I've still got to prove myself to the club and supporters in every game I play and my only ambition at the moment is to establish myself as a regular in the first team at Stamford Bridge."



## AIMING FOR ENGLAND PLACE

Mark Higgins (Everton)



MARK Higgins has only made an impact in the First Division this season — but he's already setting his sights high.

Says the 19-year-old Everton defender: "I'd like to get into the England Under-21 side this season and later on, I want to win full honours."

"I only made two first team appearances last season — but one of those was the final game against Newcastle and then I played well on tour."

"I hoped I'd get in for the first League game after that but it couldn't have gone worse. We were beaten 3-1 by Nottingham Forest at home and I thought that's my lot for a while."

"I was only sub for the next

game but I came on and did quite well and after that, I kept my place. It's helped playing alongside Mick Lyons. He's a great character and he's been a tremendous help to me.

"There wasn't a great difference coming into the first team from the reserves. The main thing is — you're playing with and against better players and you can't afford to make a mistake."

"In my third game, I was really worried about playing against Andy Gray. As it turned out, I played him well but I gave him a yard on one occasion and he scored from it."

"That's what it's like at First Division level. One slip and the striker is through."

"You meet different qualities in the players too. Malcolm Macdonald was really quick, while Gray is fighting you all the time, he never gives you a moment's peace. John Richards impressed me, too."

"Playing in front of big crowds hasn't worried me. If anything, they give you a lift."

"I feel more settled in the First Division now, especially as I've been playing well. Things couldn't have gone better really."

## SENSATIONAL FOUR-GOAL DEBUT

Colin Lee (Spurs)



Colin Lee made a fairy-tale start for Tottenham.



COLIN Lee expected to start in the reserves when he joined Spurs from Torquay for £60,000 in October.

Instead, in what has now become a piece of football legend, he was thrown straight into the first team because of an injury crisis — and scored four goals in the 9-0 thrashing of Bristol Rovers.

"It was all a bit of a dream," says the 21-year-old who has yet to play a full season of League football.

"I only went to Torquay in January after giving up hope of ever getting in the Bristol City first team. I'd been there since I was 15 and it seemed I would never get a chance to show what I could do."

"The strange thing is I was born in Plymouth and I used to support Torquay as a kid so it was almost like going home."

"The manager, Frank O'Farrell, told me it would be a chance for me to prove myself and that I should regard it as a stepping stone. He said if I did well, there would bound to be other clubs watching me."

"I was down at first but I played in the last 23 games of the season and scored ten goals. The only

League football I'd played before was seven games on loan to Hereford.

"I was happy with the way I played at Torquay but I didn't realise any big clubs were watching me. The Spurs offer was completely out of the blue. I was staggered."

"Playing in the Second Division is easier in a way. They play a lot more football at Spurs, more passing goes on before it reaches the front players."

"Even so, playing in the Fourth Division was a good experience. It probably toughened me up, because they mark you really tight there. There's someone up your back the whole time."

"Torquay treated me very well and helped me become a better player. Whatever I might achieve at Spurs, I'll always be grateful for what they did for me."



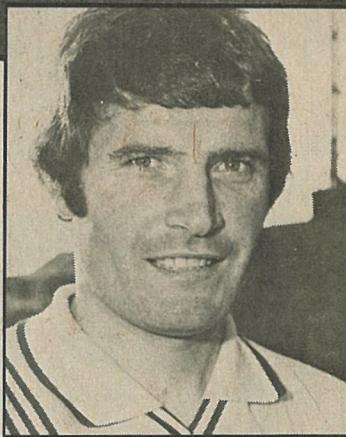
Billy Gavine's (out of picture) shot enters the net for Forfar's winning goal in the Quarter-Finals v. Queen of the South. Forfar boss is Archie Knox (below).

**L**ESS THAN a year ago SHOOT reported on the appointment of Archie Knox as player-manager of Forfar Athletic. At the time The Loons were languishing at the bottom of the Scottish Second Division and playing before crowds of only two or three hundred.

Station Park, Forfar is a different place now. Knox's team is comfortably placed in the top half of the Second Division but, much more importantly, it has pulled off the biggest surprise in Scottish football since Berwick Rangers defeated Glasgow Rangers in the Scottish Cup a decade ago.

Forfar have amazed everybody (even perhaps those involved in the club) by reaching the Semi-Finals of the rearranged League Cup competition. Having disposed of Meadowbank Thistle, Premier Division Ayr United and First Division Queen of the South in successive rounds Forfar were drawn against Rangers in the Semi-Finals.

The new form of the League Cup means consistent performances have been required over two legs — which would normally rule out



"giant-killing" acts. Scottish football doesn't have a tradition of "giant-killing" anyway which makes Forfar's performance the more remarkable.

The local population, too, has shown it will respond to the attraction of a skilful and successful team. Over 5,000 turned up to see Forfar's second-leg 1-0 win over Queen of the South in the Quarter-Finals which put them through on a 4-3 aggregate.

The local police reported their

## FORFAR FIGHT-BACK

worst traffic congestion in years. Even in League matches support is up to the 1,000 plus mark — which means almost ten per cent of the entire population are going to Station Park on a Saturday.

The Forfar Athletic Supporters' Club has taken on a new lease of life over the past year and has raised over £5,000 for the club and inaugurated Forfar Athletic Pools.

But, of course, it is the players on the field who make the difference and Archie Knox has used his own talent, earnestness and charm to bring an entirely new playing staff to the club.

Major coups were the signing of ex-Partick Thistle winger, Alex Rae, ex-St. Johnstone goalkeeper, David Nicoll and Knox's ex-Dundee United team-mate, Henry Hall. In fact Knox's spell at United has

worked well in Forfar's favour, bringing Kenny Brown and Allan Boatman to Station Park as well.

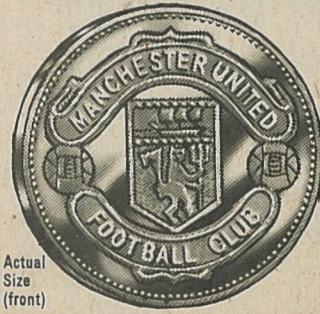
However, in the light of a famous victory against Queen of the South, the most valuable signing must be that of striker Billy Gavine, a 19-year-old student on loan from Arbroath, who scored the winning goal.

Is promotion going to be on by the end of the season for the club that has never been out of the bottom Scottish Division in its 93 year history?

Archie Knox is cautious, pointing to the lack of reserve strength which saw a recent five game lean spell when both Knox and winger Kenny Payne were injured.

However, surprises are the life blood of soccer and there have never been enough in Scotland.

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John Greig (dark shirt) in action against Italy in a World Cup-tie. He scored his most important goal in this game. A proud John Greig after receiving his MBE.



**G**OALS, as we all know, are the lifeblood of soccer. Goals are what the fans want to see and as many as possible for their respective favourites. This week I would like to talk about some of the goals I have scored and try to put them into some sort of category.

**THE MOST SATISFYING** goal used to be the one I scored on my debut for Rangers against Airdrie in 1962. That goal meant an awful lot to a young John Greig, who was desperate to do well at Ibrox.

However, another goal has come along since then that has given me even greater satisfaction. I'm talking about the one I scored recently in a League Cup-tie against Dunfermline at East End Park.

It came after a simple build-up, a low cross from the right and I came rushing in from the left to hit it first time into the net past goalkeeper Hugh Whyte. We were already leading 3-1 from the first-leg at Ibrox and that made it 4-1 on aggregate. We eventually got through on 6-2 overall, but what made the goal so satisfying?

Simply because I had been presented with my MBE by The Queen at Buckingham Palace only 24 hours before that game. Making the occasion even greater was the fact that was the day Her Majesty became a grandmother with the birth of Master Phillips.

I wanted to mark the occasion and I was delighted to see my shot hit the net against the Fifers. I doubt if any other goal will take its place as the most satisfying.

**THE MOST SPECTACULAR** goal I have ever scored is a difficult one to select because I always score magnificent efforts! Honestly, though, I suppose one of the best came in another League Cup-tie . . . this time against Motherwell at Ibrox about four years ago.

We were being held to a goalless draw by the Fir Park boys when I received a throw-in about 45 yards out on the left wing. Suddenly, I



## Tartan Talk

### JOHN GREIG

got a feeling something good was about to happen. Don't ask me why. I expect it's like when you are playing darts or snooker or golf. You know the feeling . . . you just feel good.

Anyway, I moved the ball forward and then let go with my left foot. It simply took off like a hurtling meteor and the next time I saw it it was in the back of goalkeeper Stewart Rennie's net. It must have travelled something like 35 yards and I knew it was a goal as soon as it left my boot.

Actually, I felt sorry for Stewart Rennie, who is an under-rated keeper in my book. The ball did

# 'MY FAVOURITE GOALS'

seem to dip and swerve and although he took off on a splendid leap across goal he just couldn't get near to it.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT** goal must be the one I scored for Scotland against Italy in a World Cup-tie at Hampden in 1965. I suppose SHOOT readers must be fed up with me talking about this goal by now, but, I'm sorry, whenever I'm talking about goals that one always seems to pop up.

I was playing right-back for the night, but as there were only a couple of minutes left with the score standing at 0-0 I decided to add my weight to the attack. There was a great move down the right. I seem to remember Neil Martin, Jim Baxter, Billy Bremner and Willie Henderson all being involved. Then the ball came across to yours truly.

I could hardly believe it. I was unmarked about ten yards out and I first-timed the ball past goalkeeper Negri. A very important goal at the time, but, alas, we lost 3-0 in Naples and missed qualifying for the World Cup Finals in England.

**THE GREATEST GOAL?** They are all great. Just so long as they hit the back of the net. I keep telling myself my next goal will be the greatest . . . it gives me something to aim for each week.

**AND THE GOAL THAT WASN'T.** Yes, that's the title I have given to a shot which I believed must be a goal all the way, but was thwarted by one of the greatest saves I have ever seen.

That came against Celtic in a League game at Ibrox last season. The score stood at 2-2 with only a few minutes left when the ball broke to me on the left about 30 yards out. It bounced just right, I connected with all my power and the shot took off for the top right hand corner of the net. I'm sure every Rangers player and fan was shouting 'Goal' when Peter Latchford, who had been injured earlier, dived brilliantly to get a hand to the ball and push it past the post for a corner.

Nice one, Peter . . . what a pity! Anyway, that's all for this week, folks. I'll see you all in a fortnight's time. Until then, stay safe . . .

**TARTAN TALK FROM  
CELTIC'S DANNY  
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

**T**ERRY YORATH, among the most impressive captains in British football, leads Wales into action for the third time in three months next week. After taking on World Cup qualifiers Scotland and European Champions Czechoslovakia, his side now face the toughest opponents of them all: West Germany in Dortmund.

## 'A CHANCE TO CORRECT OUR ONE FAULT'

"Call it a friendly if you like. We won't be looking at it that way," he states. "It is a tremendously important match for us. Yet another chance to put right the one fault in our game — that lack of finishing."

The Welsh players cannot put out of their minds their bitter failure in the World Cup. To lose to Scotland at Hampden Park with an Ian Evans own goal; to be beaten again by the Scots at Anfield Road with a wrongly awarded penalty against David Jones — the second goal in the last minute from Kenny Dalglish only came because Wales were wide open chasing an equaliser — and finally to experience defeat in Prague because of a Leighton Phillips deflection, is almost too much to bear.

"We have to forget it and start all over again," insists Yorath. "The European Championship qualifying matches start next season and we must sort out this scoring problem before then."

"Certainly we lost those three World Cup qualifying matches by desperately unlucky goals but there's no point in crying about it. We've got to realise in all three matches, the chances were there for us to score."

"We failed to take them and each time were punished by 'soft' goals. It's the penalty you pay for not getting it right in your own finishing."



"Now we have to create a new system and the ideas have to come from the players. The West Germany match gives us a perfect extra chance to work on this before the British Championship series at the end of the season."

Part of the "new system" being evolved by manager Mike Smith and skipper Yorath will revolve around Swansea City's brilliant Alan Curtis. He must be the highest valued player in the Fourth Division — any one of half a dozen First Division clubs would be prepared to pay £100,000 for the 22-year-old.

Curtis has not stopped scoring goals from the moment the season started. A brief illness cost him a place on the recent Wales trip to Kuwait; then Smith, on the point of selecting him against the Scots, saw him play a dreadful game against Stockport . . . his one bad display this season.

"I don't know what happens but every time I'm on the brink of the Wales team something seems to go wrong for me. Injury, illness or a plain bad game," says Curtis.

Smith, Yorath and the entire Welsh squad are convinced the ability to convert half-chances is all that is needed to bring triumph in the European Championship. "No one is fading out," argues Yorath. "We are approaching our peak."

### Struggling

Maybe only John Toshack, with a heritage of injuries from the defensive attentions he has received over the years, and 50 times capped full-back Rod Thomas will be struggling to hold on over the next couple of years.

"There are some wonderful attacking prospects arriving now," says Yorath. "Curtis, of course, and the other two front runners at Swansea in Jeremy Charles and Robbie James; Carl Harris and Gwyn Thomas at Leeds; Donato Nardiello with us at Coventry.

"Then, of course, we have Peter Sayer at Cardiff, Mickey Thomas at Wrexham who are both young established internationals. Plus Leighton James who is without equal in sheer ability. Everything is looking so good for Wales."

With Cardiff's Ninian Park banned to Wales after the fracas with Yugoslavia in the last European Championship Quarter-Finals, it seems certain Wales must play all qualifying matches at Wrexham — and North Wales is not too popular with Yorath at the moment.

After the cruel defeat at Anfield, he was bitterly critical of the way North Wales supporters failed to arrive in the tens of thousands. Scotland's fervent, fanatical following produced an unbelievable crescendo of backing for their heroes.

"Now it's up to our fans to stand up and be counted," he snaps.

CELTIC and Rangers are the glamour clubs of Scotland. They are the teams most young men want to play for.

Jock Stein found Parkhead a real paradise when he joined them from Welsh club Llanelli. He had previously played in Scotland with Albion Rovers, but playing for Celtic was an entirely new world for him.

Stewart Kennedy had to pinch himself when he heard he was being taken from the relative obscurity of the Second Division with Stenhousemuir to the big time with Rangers. There are many other players, of course, who have joined Scotland's elite.

It is a great step-up for them, but what is it like once the glamour life is finished? What is it like when it is time to move on? How do players re-adjust?

This week SHOOT takes a look at four former Old Firm players to get their impressions on their new soccer roles.

# 'OLD NEW

## BERTIE AULD — FORMER CELT — NOW MANAGER PARTICK THISTLE

THERE was a glint in Bertie Auld's eye that spoke volumes. It was like a return to the big time, to the sphere where he produced his many magic moments in midfield for his former club Celtic.

This time, though, neither Celtic nor Rangers were involved. Auld was looking forward to a match between his young Partick side and Aberdeen, the team managed by his former Celtic colleague Billy McNeill.

Both clubs were meeting at Firhill to fight out the second place in the Premier Division behind Rangers.

Auld was looking forward to the clash and he said: "This is what it is all about. The fans must turn out for this one. They shouldn't stay away."

The dapper Auld is, of course, used to success. He was brought up on it at Parkhead as he formed the amazingly prolific side that won the European Cup in 1967. He also played his part in helping the club to get off on the League title run that eventually saw nine Championships coming to Parkhead in succession.

"It was a wrench leaving Celtic," says Auld. "They were a great club to play for and I had so many happy memories there."

"But there comes a time in everyone's lifetime where you must move on. That happened to me when I was freed and Hibs came in with an offer.

"I went to Easter Road and I am glad I did. Put it this way, I had learned a lot under the management of Mr Stein at Parkhead. Everyone acknowledged him as one of the best."

"At Hibs the boss was Eddie Turnbull and he, too, is a respected man in this business. I reckoned, then, I could learn from two of the top men."

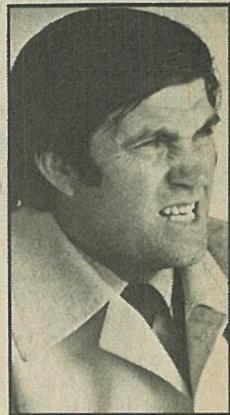
Auld learned well at Parkhead and Easter Road and he is putting his own ideas into action at Firhill. He's worked well with his team and he has also done exceptionally well in the transfer market.

He sold both Ronnie Glavin and Joe Craig to his old club Celtic and brought in over £120,000 in transfer fees. He has bought John Craig, from Aberdeen, and Alex O'Hara, from Rangers.

Auld has also done well in the free transfer market and he always seems to be one move ahead of many of his rival bosses when it comes to shrewd judgment in the transfer business.

"I want ambitious players," says Auld. "If you have got ambition you are halfway there. I want players who want to be successful . . . I want players who will give their all for Partick Thistle."

The former Celt's determination is rubbing off on the other Firhill players. They are in the giant twin shadow of Celtic and Rangers in Glasgow, but Auld is adamant there is room for a successful Partick.



# FIRM'MEN IN A WORLD

ALEX FERGUSON — EX-RANGER — NOW MANAGER ST. MIRREN

"MY last game for Rangers was in a Scottish Cup Final against Celtic," recalls Alex Ferguson, who is now, of course, manager of St. Mirren. "What a way to bow out! Actually we lost 4-0 and it seemed to be fairly obvious my face did not fit after that match. Eventually, I moved on when Falkirk signed me."

"There is a huge change when you move from a club such as Rangers. Normally, you don't need motivating with a club that boasts the sort of support as the Ibrox men."

"They make every game important purely by their presence and they demand success. They keep you on your toes, there can be no doubt about that."

Ferguson, rapidly becoming one of the most knowledgeable soccer bosses North of the border, had seen a fair amount of action before he joined up at Rangers.

He started his career with Queen's Park and his goal record soon took him into the professional ranks when St. Johnstone bought him. It was, in fact, a game AGAINST Rangers that brought him into the spotlight.

Fergie rattled in three superb goals in a shock 3-2 victory for the Perth Saints at Ibrox and he says: "Believe it or not, a Celtic supporters' club was named after me following that game!"

"They were so pleased with my scoring feat they formed an Alex Ferguson branch. I wonder if they kept it going after I signed for Rangers . . ."

Fergie then moved on to Dunfermline and it was from East End Park he eventually found his way to Ibrox. The price was £60,000 making him one of their most expensive players.

"It was a great move," says Fergie. "I was glad to sign. There is a great deal of pressure on an Old Firm player. There is the constant rivalry between the two clubs and the respective fans don't like being second best."

Ferguson scored goals for Rangers, but the fans appeared to want to talk more about the ones that got away. Eventually, Rangers paid out £100,000 to Hibs for Colin Stein and that was the beginning of the end for Fergie.

In that fateful Cup Final Billy McNeill opened the scoring for Celtic with a header from a corner-kick in the second minute and Ferguson was blamed for not 'shadowing' the Parkhead captain at the dead ball situation.

He went to Falkirk, continued to score goals, but it is as a manager his real attacking flair has come to the fore. He has done a wonderful job raising St. Mirren from the "dead".



MIKE JACKSON — FORMER CELT — NOW MANAGER QUEEN OF THE SOUTH

MIKE JACKSON, the former Celtic attacker, is now sampling life in soccer management as boss of Queen of the South. He has built a good, solid, workmanlike outfit and just this season they were pipped for a place in the League Cup Semi-Finals when they were shocked 4-3 on aggregate by Forfar.

"The atmosphere in those two games against Forfar was amazing," says Jackson. "It was just like the old times with Celtic. Okay, I realise it may not have looked the most attractive fixture in the soccer calendar, but the fans turned out in their thousands.

"We drew 3-3 at Palmerston and when we went to Station Park for the second-leg I could hardly believe my eyes. There appeared to be fans everywhere!"

"The game kicked off over 15 minutes late and that is highly unusual. In the end over 6,000 fans crammed into Forfar's ground and that is something like 80,000 fans at Hampden.

"Unfortunately, we went out. We had one of those nights in the first-leg when no one seemed to play well. All credit to Forfar, though."

Jackson obviously misses the huge crowds who used to follow him as a player when he was in the Celtic forward line along with players such as Stevie Chalmers and John Hughes.

Last year he actually returned to Parkhead when the Queens were drawn against his former club in the Scottish Cup.

"That was a good day for the club and I'm sure the players enjoyed the experience of playing at Parkhead," says Jackson, who never received the acclaim his cultured play deserved.

"We lost 5-1, with Celtic scoring twice from penalty-kicks, but we weren't disgraced."

Jackson's team is urged to attack. They want to entertain and two of his stars are ex Celts!

Tommy O'Hara, freed by Celtic, was swiftly snapped up by Jackson who has moulded him into a fine attacking full-back.

Harry Hood is another player enticed to Palmerston by Jackson. "I met Harry in the street one day after he had been freed by Motherwell. He was thinking about packing up the game altogether, but I told him that would be a great waste of talent.

"I laid it on the line for him and, happily, he agreed to sign for us."

Jackson had learned well at Parkhead and his beliefs are now being put into action on the field with another side. Lucky Queen of the South!

DAVIE SMITH — EX-RANGER — NOW MANAGER BERWICK RANGERS

"YOU know," says Berwick manager Davie Smith, "I recently went mad in the transfer market. I splashed out £2,000 for Stenhousemuir striker Jim Wight. He is a good striker, he scored a lot of goals for his former club, and I'm certain he will do a good job at Shiefield. We've been looking for a player just like him."

Smith is seeing the other side of soccer now his days as a splendid left-sided midfield player with Rangers are over. The skilful Aberdonian cost around £50,000 when he went to Ibrox from Pittodrie in 1967.

He was bought to replace the elegant Jim Baxter and the fans loved his graceful style. He helped Rangers to success in the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1972.

"That was a very good year," says Smith. "I was actually skipper of the team for our Semi-Final match against Bayern Munich at Ibrox. We had held them to a 1-1 draw in West Germany and we were all looking forward to the return.

"It was good to be out on the pitch that night along with stars such as Sepp Maier, Franz Beckenbauer, Paul Breitner and, of course, Gerd Muller. Ibrox was packed . . . I don't think we could have managed to get even one more fan into the ground that evening."

"I was captain because John Greig was unfit and I was honoured to lead Rangers out before that game. We won 2-0, of course, with two first-half goals from Sandy Jardine and Derek Parlance and the rest is history now."

"We beat Moscow Dynamo 3-2 in the Final in Barcelona and a couple of weeks after that I was named Scottish Player of the Year."

Life is different now for Smith. He left Ibrox for Arbroath and he is now in charge of Second Division pacemakers Berwick Rangers.

"Things have got to be done on a budget here," says Smith. "We don't have a lot of money to throw about and you can't afford to make mistakes."

"The present side has been put together almost totally by free transfer players. I thought long and hard before I parted with the £2,000 to Stenhousemuir for Jim Wight."

"That's an awful lot of money for a club such as Berwick. I know it is probably peanuts to many big clubs like Rangers, but we don't have anything like the same support as them."

"It would be nice to have a lot of money at one's disposal, but running a club on a shoestring teaches you the value of things."

Smith's successful touch has not departed. He has installed a renewed fighting spirit in the men from Berwick and they are determined to win promotion.

The last time Berwick were in the soccer limelight was in 1967 . . . the year they beat Rangers 1-0 in a remarkable Scottish Cup game. Smith believes it is about time Berwick were back in the news . . .



# TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

1. Don Megson resigned recently as manager of which club?

2. On November 23rd Ipswich entertained Barcelona at Portman Road in the U.E.F.A. Cup Third Round first-leg. Town won 2-0, 3-0 or 4-0?

3. (a) Which Ipswich player had a hand in all the goals and (b) who grabbed their first?

4. Can you name the Portman Road club's player who came on as a substitute to play his first competitive match for two years?

5. Aston Villa also played in the U.E.F.A. Cup on the same night. Their opponents were Athletic Bilbao. Was the game played in Spain or at Villa Park?

6. Villa had a stirring 2-0 victory. What was the half-time score?

7. The attendance at the game was 22,973, 32,973 or 42,973?

8. St. Mirren and Bristol City clashed in the first-leg of the Anglo/Scottish Cup Final. City won 2-1. Who scored their second?

9. Teddy Maybank (below) was transferred recently from Fulham to which club?



10. (a) Was the fee around £100,000, £150,000 or £200,000 and (b) was it a club record?

11. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the nickname of a famous First Division club ... YKS ESLBU.

12. Neil Whatmore (above) is scoring regularly for which club in the Second Division?

13. From which countries do the following clubs come ... (a) Sampdoria, (b) FC Magdeburg and (c) Servette?

14. If you take a walk along Vicarage Road you will find the home ground of a Fourth Division side. Which?

15. Can you name the two clubs that contested the 1975-76 Scottish Cup Final?

## ANSWERS:

1. Bristol Rovers, 2-3-0, 3. (a) Clive Woods, (b) Eric Gartes, 4. Colin Viljoen, 5. Villa Park, 6. 1-0 to Villa, 7. 32,973, 8. Peter Cormack, 9. 11. Sky Blues, nickname of Coventry, 12. Bolton, 13. (a) Italy, (b) East Germany, (c) Switzerland, 14. Wartford, 15. Rangers and Hearts.

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# A ONE-CLUB NATIONAL SIDE?

ENGLAND'S World Cup-winning side of 1966 included three players from West Ham United. The captain Bobby Moore, and goalscorers Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters.

Many observers believed the "one-club" link helped take England to the Final, and eventually to overcome the powerful West Germans. Moore, Peters and Hurst, the hat-trick hero, knew each others' style of play. They brought a steady influence to the England side.

But as the 1966 team was broken up, first by Sir Alf Ramsey, then Don Revie, there seemed to be a movement away from using a group of players from the same club side.

England faltered. They failed to qualify for the 1974 World Cup Finals, the 1976 European Championship Finals, and now the 1978 World Cup Finals.

Of course, the combination of Hurst, Moore and Peters was nothing new. They were not the first group of players to be in a League and national side at the same time.

In 1934 Arsenal provided seven players for an England match against Italy. The game was played

at Highbury and the "magnificent seven" helped pull off a 3-2 win.

Arsenal's take-over was completed by trainer Tom Whittaker, who also served England, that afternoon.

During the 1930's Arsenal were a great side. They won the Championship on three successive occasions between 1932-35 and in 1937 they had 14 full internationals on their books. Twelve England players plus Alex James of Scotland and Roy John of Wales.

At Leeds in the late 1960's such was the wealth of talent that Terry Yorath, the current Wales and Coventry captain, had made his debut for Wales before he had played in the League side.

Full internationals were often playing in the reserves. Leeds' strength in depth was enormous.

On view in their 1972 F.A. Cup-winning side were ten full internationals, and goalkeeper David Harvey won his first cap for Scotland the following year.

The side that beat Arsenal was: David Harvey, Paul Reaney (England), Paul Madeley (England), Billy Bremner (Scotland), Jackie Charlton (England), Norman Hunter (England), Peter Lorimer

(Scotland), Allan Clarke (England), Mick Jones (England), Johnny Giles (Republic of Ireland) and Eddie Gray (Scotland).

In recent months it has become obvious the trend of using a number of players from the same club is once again becoming popular.

That has been the case in Europe for some years. During England's recent failures, the last Italy match excluded, Liverpool have done much to ease national disappointments with their success at home, and more especially abroad.

Success that culminated last May when they won the European Cup. Yet despite their consistency they were overlooked as a unit by former England manager Don Revie who had at least nine English-qualified players at his disposal from the Anfield first team squad.

When Revie resigned, West Ham's general manager Ron Greenwood was entrusted with the task of trying to save England the humiliation of not qualifying for the World Cup Finals for the second successive time.

In a brave, but almost impossible, attempt to salvage something, Greenwood tried reverting

to the trusty one-club formula. He turned to Liverpool.

His first match in charge was against Switzerland. He picked six Liverpool players, plus Kevin Keegan, a member of the European Cup-winning side, but now playing football in West Germany.

But the "experiment" did not come off. England were held 0-0 in the friendly at Wembley. That game was followed by a vital World Cup qualifying match in Luxembourg. Greenwood played five of the Liverpool side. But still England struggled and managed only a 2-0 win.

On the same evening, Wednesday October 12, Northern Ireland tried to find club level understanding in the side they fielded against Holland at Windsor Park. That too, was a World Cup qualifying match.

Seven of their players were from two First Division sides. Pat Jennings, Pat Rice and Sammy Nelson of Arsenal. Sammy McIlroy, Chris McGrath, David McCreery and Jimmy Nicholl of Manchester United. Northern Ireland lost 1-0.

A month later, using the same players they beat Belgium 3-0. That result suggests the system is worth persisting with.

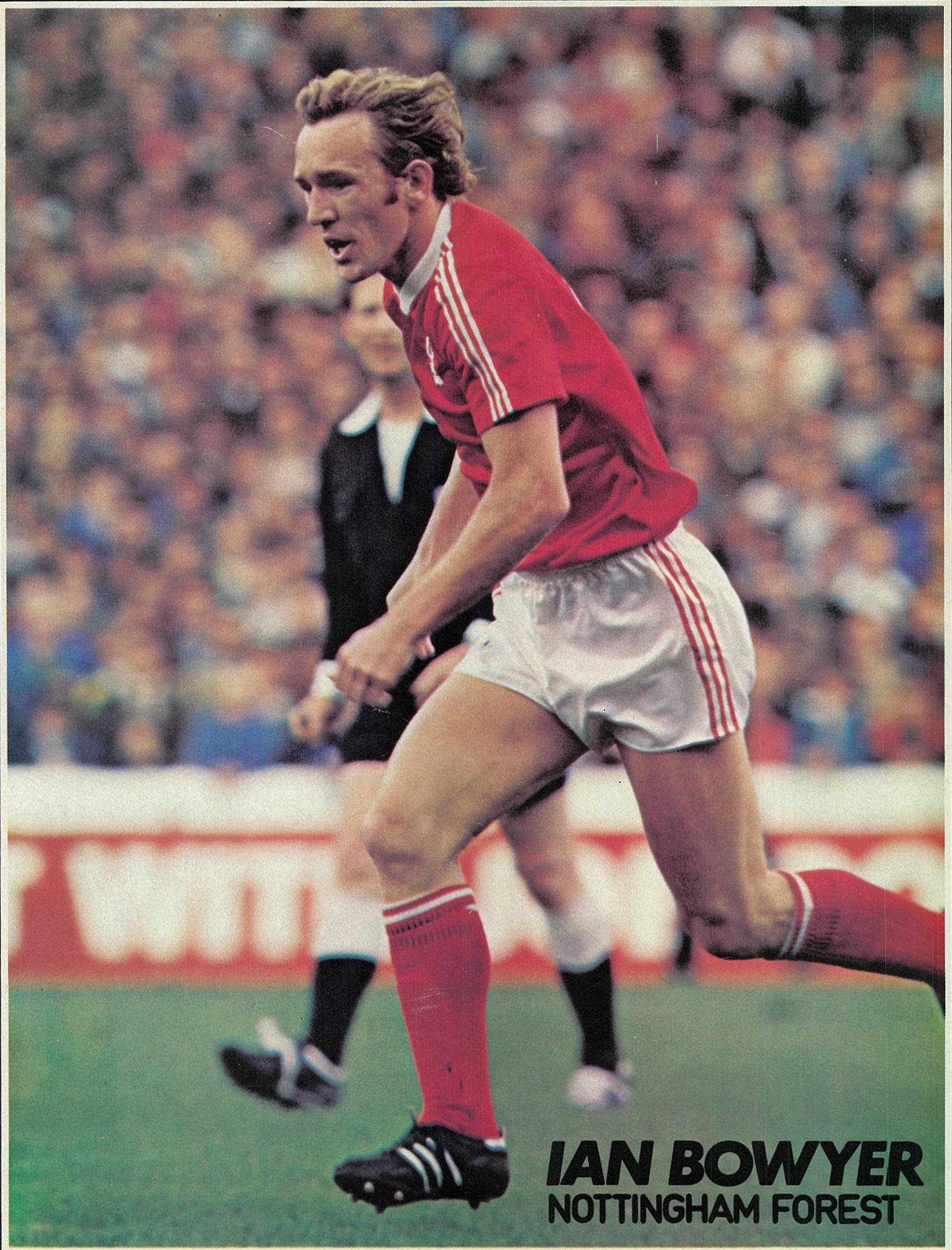
Italy who are going to Argentina at the expense of England, have benefited from using players from the same club side.

Their current manager Enzo Bearzot is a firm believer in the one-club idea. Since he has been in charge, Italy have more often than not fielded six players from Juventus, consistently one of their most powerful League sides.

It seems Bearzot has the right idea. Of the sides he has seen picked by Ron Greenwood he says: "England are just two players short of becoming a feared team."



The six Liverpool players who represented England against Switzerland at Wembley.



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